



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

September 2024

Dear Parents,

Blackbird Class Autumn 1 2024

Welcome back! We are looking forward to working with you in helping your child continue to progress in their learning. The children are taught by me (Mrs Hailwood) every morning, Mrs Horner on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and Miss Noon on Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Miss Noon is also in class each morning when maths and English are taught.

Below is an overview of what your child will be learning over the first half term in Blackbird Class.

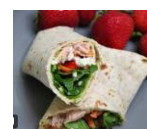
Science: Animals Including Humans

The children will use questioning, investigation and observation to learn about nutrition, the skeleton and muscles.



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They will design, make and evaluate a healthy wrap using their knowledge of food groups gained in science.



Art

They will further enhance their painting skills by looking at the work of *Giuseppe Arcimboldo* – a painter best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely of objects such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish and books.



English

Our first unit is based around the text '*The Highway Rat*' by Julia Donaldson. The children will share and explore the text in detail, taking part in reading response and short writing activities. The children will have the opportunity to create an information text based on rats and to innovate the story. Skills will include using noun phrases, and further developing the use of joining words and words for time and reason.



Maths

The learning in maths begins with number and place value, followed by measurement, addition and subtraction and ending with statistics for Year 3 children and shape for Year 2 children.



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Other curriculum areas taught this half term are:



PE (Monday and Tuesday) – Athletics and Games: throwing, catching and use of tactics. **Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school and has plasters to cover their stud earrings if worn.**



PSHE – Friendships and Families



Music – Rhythm and Blues songs



RE – Christianity: How and why have some people served God?



French – All About Me

Here's an overview of the rewards that are in place this year.

Rewards



Rewards are given regularly for good work and behaviour and include stickers and certificates. Wow vouchers are collected for **work efforts**. Five of these can be exchanged for a reward from the 'Wow Box'. Stamps/stickers are collected for **positive behaviour** on a chart. A careful record is kept of your child's efforts in their work and behaviour, and when appropriate they are rewarded in assemblies with certificates and badges. Please ask your child about this as it helps to reinforce our positive behaviour policy. The system of a warning and next steps with increased sanctions, for dealing with inappropriate behaviour, remains the same.

Homework

It is important that your child reads at home at least three times a week as this has a huge impact on the progress that they make across the curriculum, not just in reading. This may be from a school reading book, library book or book from home. Please sign the reading diary letting us know the pages that your child has read, adding comments about your child's reading if required. Books and diaries should be returned daily so that we can check this home reading and send a new book home when necessary. Children receive rewards for their home reading.

In addition to this your child will receive the following each Friday via Google Classroom:

- a spelling activity
- a maths activity
- an English activity

Some of the activities may not need recording and on occasion, there may be other curriculum areas covered. The login details for this remain the same as last year. Homework is to be returned by Thursday.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to catch one of us before or after school, or phone the school office if it is of a more confidential nature.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hailwood, Mrs Horner and Miss Noon
Blackbird Class team