



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

April 2025

Dear Parents,

Starling Class Summer 1 2025

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely break. Below is an overview of the subjects we will be covering in the first part of the summer term and a few extra bits of useful information.

English

This half term we will be working on- Recount: Magazine Articles.

This will be based on the Geography unit of global trade and Fair Trade. Children will complete research and finally complete a magazine article about the topic.

Grammar and punctuation aspects will include;

- Relative clauses with relative pronouns and commas.
- Cohesive devices.



Maths

In maths, we are going to be focusing on revision of place value- including decimals.

Develop our understanding of fractions further. Measures including converting time, statistics- looking, analysing and interpreting different tables and graphs.



Science

In science, our topic will be - Earth and space

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system
- describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth
- describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies
- use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky

History

We will be looking at a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Focusing on the following:

- How significant was the Blitz?
- What was the impact of World War II on people in our locality?
- Evacuee experiences in Britain: is this all we need to know about children in World War II?
- New opportunities? How significant was the impact of World War II on women?
- What did men do in World War II? Did all men have to fight?

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Design Technology

Aspect: Mechanical systems

Focus: Pulleys or Gears

We will be designing, making and evaluating a product that uses pulleys and gears

Other Subjects:

French: Les quatre amis- The four seasons

RE: How do people decide what to believe?

Music: Dancing in the street- singing

PE: Striking and fielding (Friday) and swimming (Thursday).

Computing: Game creator- create a game online

PSHE: Keeping safe/ Growing and changing

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Please support and encourage your child to complete their homework each week. If your child is struggling with any aspect of the homework, please remind them to ask for help in school before it is due in on Thursday.



Reading Diaries

Children need to continue to read at home. They need to bring their reading diary back into school **signed** at least three times a week to show they have been actively reading at home. Once your child has finished their book, it will be changed on the same day.

Behaviour

In Starlings, we are continuing to follow the whole school positive behaviour policy. We continue to use the recognition board in class and reward children's efforts on Friday in assemblies. The children are still awarded behaviour and work merits.



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Strong
Starling Class Teacher