



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

January 2025

Dear Parents,

Starling Class Spring 1 2025

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. Below is an overview of the subjects we will be covering this half term.

English

This term we will be working on science fiction, focusing on a variety of science fiction extracts but mainly on the book and film of *E.T.* Children will complete short writing opportunities and produce a science fiction story at the end of the unit. During the English lessons, we will be covering various elements of grammar including: varying sentence openers, using similes, relative clauses and brackets to show parenthesis.



Maths

In maths, we are going to be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, measures and reflection and translation of shapes. Throughout each unit, we will be applying different mathematical skills into reasoning and problem-solving challenges.



Science

In science, our topic will be *Living Things and their Habitats*

Pupils will be focusing on:

- describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
- describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals

History

In history we will be looking at the Ancient Mayan Civilization- including:

- Where and when did the Maya live?
- What was Maya writing like?
- Making links – Children to learn how similar, and how different, Mayan and Egyptian writing were
- Making links/comparisons-Maya are a Stone Age society – how similar and how different are they to Stone Age Britain?

Other Subjects:

French: En route pour l'école- On the way to school

RE: Hinduism- what might Hindus learn from stories about Krishna?

Music: Singing- Make you feel my love

PE: Gymnastics

Computing: Spreadsheets

PSHE: Belonging to a community

Homework

Homework will 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 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.

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Behaviour

In Starlings, we continue to follow the behaviour policy. The children are awarded with behaviour and work merits, and they also receive table points and token points each week. We are continuing to use our recognition boards in class and this is celebrated in Friday assemblies.



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to catch me at the hall door.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Strong
Starling Class Teacher