



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

November 2024

Dear Parents,

Starling Class Autumn 2 2024

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable October half term. We are looking forward to a new half term in Starling class. Below is an overview of the subjects we will be covering this half term and a few extra bits of useful information.

English

This half term we will be working on both fiction and non-fiction genres, focusing on legends. The children will be looking at different legends and work towards writing their own legend. Also we will be working on different grammar aspects which include: ed openers and relative pronouns.

Maths

In maths, for both year 4 and 5, we are going to be focusing on multiplication and division, ordering and comparing fractions, measures including time and area and statistics- tables and time tables. Throughout each unit, we will be applying different mathematical skills into reasoning and problem-solving challenges.



Science

In science, our first topic this year will be looking at properties and changes of materials. We will be focusing on reversible and irreversible changes. Children will explore changes that are difficult to reverse and recognise that some changes result in the formation of new materials. This will include completing some practical activities/ investigations too.



Geography

To study the human and physical geography of a chosen region within North America- *The Rockies*. Using maps and atlases to locate countries and areas and describe features.



DT

Our topic in DT is Food. The focus will be celebrating culture and seasonality. The task is to design, make and evaluate a healthy soup.



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Other Subjects:

French: Je suis le musicien ('I am the Music Man')

RE: where can we find guidance about how to live our lives? Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims?

Music: Jazz- Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing

PE: Netball *Our PE days are Thursday and Friday **Reminder-** Children will need their PE kit in school.

Computing: Coding

PSHE: Families and Friendships

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 and sign their home reading record whenever they have read. 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.

Behaviour

In Starlings, we are continuing to follow the whole school positive behaviour policy with the children being awarded behaviour and work merits for their efforts. They are earning plenty of table points and we have Star of the Day. We are also continuing with our class recognition boards which are for children who are ready for learning.



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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Miller
Starling Class Teacher