



# Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Starling Class Autumn 1 2024**

Hello and welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break with your children. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school this week and ready for their first half term in Starling Class.

Below is an overview of the subjects we will be covering in the first half of the autumn term.

### **English**

We will begin this half term by completing our fiction unit on fantasy stories, based around the text *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We will be reading the story and developing our own opening of the story based around a different mythological creature. In our non-fiction writing we will be researching different mythological creatures and writing a non-chronological report about them.



### **Maths**

In maths this half term, we will be working on place value, addition, subtraction, length and perimeter, statistics and geometry. We will be continuing to work on our recall of Times Tables facts throughout the half term as well.



### **Topics: History – Anglo Saxons, Science – Materials**

In history, we will be learning about Anglo Saxons, their homes and how their villages were structured, what life in Anglo Saxon society was like and the legacies that they have left behind.



In science, we will be learning about classifying materials by their properties, how some materials dissolve to form a solution, how solids, liquids and gases might be separated and investigating thermal conductors and insulators.

### **Other Subjects:**

**French:** Bon Appetit! (Enjoy your meal)

**RE:** Christianity - God

**Music:** Livin' on a prayer

**Computing:** Systems

**PSHE:** Families and Friendships

**PE:** Gymnastics

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Our PE lessons will be on Thursdays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their uniform on these days and change into their PE Kits in school.

### **Homework**

Homework in Starling Class will be set on Google Classroom every Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will consist of English, maths, reading comprehension and spelling tasks. All the tasks set will be based on the learning in class that week. If you need any support with this, please ask.



### **Home reading**

We will continue to follow the whole school approach to reading with the children being expected to read regularly at home, a minimum of three times a week. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and sign their reading diary whenever they have read. If your child has finished their book, please write "finished book" so we know to send a new one home. Please ensure reading books are in school everyday (even if your child has not read), so that we can listen to them in school.



### **Behaviour**

We will continue to give out stickers and merit awards for good work and behaviour and use the Recognition Board to celebrate children who are following our whole class expectations. We will also continue with our Star of the Day which the children enjoy working towards each day.



If you have any concerns or queries please catch me at the hall door at the start or end of the day or phone the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Miller  
Starling Class Teacher

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