



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

January 2025

Dear Parents,

Goldfinch Spring 1 2025

Welcome back to another half term! After a fantastic first term in Goldfinch, we are now looking at what is coming up in Spring 1. Here is an overview of what we will be covering.

English

In English we are starting our classic fiction unit. Our core text will be 'The Wizard of Oz' but we will also be reading a range of other classic fiction novels, such as 'The Railway Children', 'The Secret Garden' and 'Black Beauty'. Our grammar skills focus will be blending action, dialogue and description, cohesive devices, and formal and informal speech.



Maths

In maths we will be continuing our learning about place value, negative numbers, and number sequences. We will also be learning about coordinates and geometry and a range of calculations. Towards the end of the half term, we will be developing our knowledge of fractions and learning how to multiply and divide them.



Science

In science we will be learning about light. We will be recognising that light travels in straight lines, understand how objects are seen, explain reflections and how this can be used to see from light sources and non-light sources and understanding shadows.



Art

In art we will be creating a landscape painting of Pendle Hill. We will be beginning to use simple perspective using a single focal point and horizon, developing composition, scale and proportion.

Other subjects this half term are:

French - Creating a Café

RE - Islam

Music - A New Year Carol

PE - Gymnastics

Computing - Programming and Designing Games

PSHE - Belonging to a safe community

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Spellings are also sent out with the homework – please ensure these are practised too as there will be a test on a Thursday. Please continue to support your child with this and encourage them to hand it in on time.



Reading

Reading books are still going out, or can be chosen from home and can be brought back at any point during the week. Please sign your child's reading diary whenever they read and remind them to do so regularly- at least 3 times a week.

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Behaviour

We continue to follow the whole school behaviour policy and the children are busy collecting their behaviour and work merits. Raffle tickets and prizes are given out at the end of each week for children who are working hard or showing exemplary behaviour. Goldfinch are working hard to get their names on the recognition board; we have a focus specific for the class, which we change at different times throughout the term.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Strong
Goldfinch Class Teacher