



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Goldfinch Autumn 1 2024

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. 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 a novel called '*The Nowhere Emporium*' by Ross Mackenzie followed by a unit on information hybrid texts. During these units, we will be covering various elements of grammar including varying sentence openers such as simile starters and *ing* and *ed* openers. We will also be using relative clauses.

Maths

In maths, we are starting the half term with number, place value, and decimals. We will also be focusing on sequences, addition and subtraction, and multiplication.



Science



Our first science topic this year will be Animals, including Humans. Within this topic we will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also learn about the ways in which nutrients and water are transported around the body and the impact of diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle on the way our body's function.

History

In History, we will study the Vikings. We will be looking at when and why they came to our country, what their daily lives were like, different Viking artefacts and what legacy they left behind.

Art

In art, we will work on sculpture. This is linked to our geography topic of Brazil that we will study in Autumn 2. We will look at the statue of *Christ the Redeemer* in Rio de Janeiro and make our own models!



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Other Subjects:

French: Our school

RE: Christianity - Life as a Journey

Music: 'Happy' - Exploring the song in various ways from singing to musical instruments

PE: Gymnastics and Swimming

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays (swimming) please ensure your child's full PE kit is in school and they have plasters to cover any earrings that cannot be taken out

Computing: Computing Systems and Networks (Communications)

PSHE: Families and Friendships

Homework



Homework will be set on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Homework will usually include maths, English, spelling or reading. 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

Home reading books will be sent home with the children this Friday. 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. Please ensure you let us know, by writing in your child's reading diary, when they have finished their book and it can be changed on the same day.

Behaviour



In Goldfinch, we follow the whole school positive behaviour policy and use the same behaviour system the children are familiar with from previous years. The children are awarded with behaviour and work merits. The recognition board is still used and celebrated and raffle tickets and prizes are awarded throughout the week.

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

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Strong
Goldfinch Class Teacher