

Dear parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to you all after the summer holidays! We hope you and your child have had a lovely, relaxing break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Myself (Miss Toal) and Miss Steeple are the teacher and teaching assistant in Brook class this year and we are really looking forward to meeting you and your family. If you require any support throughout the year please ask; we are here to guided and support your child's learning journey.

English

English will be taught daily alongside daily phonics sessions; fortnightly 1:1 reading and daily whole-class guided reading. This term we will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, beginning with *George and the Dragon*. We will use this book to help develop our creative writing skills. The children will cover a range of learning objectives, including the use of punctuation in their writing; the identification and use of adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs in their writing and the use

Maths

Maths will be taught daily. We will cover the following areas this term: place value (recognising the place of each digit in a 2 digit number); counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 from any number forward and backwards; addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers up to 100.

Science- "What is our school made of?" (Materials)

In Science, our topic is called "What is our school made of?" The focus is on materials and their properties. We will be thinking about the materials that objects are made of around school, including the building and the equipment within the classroom. The children will have the opportunity to carry out their own experiment to test what the best material would be to make a boat out of. The children will have to consider different materials and their properties for this.

Geography- "What would Dora the Explorer find exciting about our town?"

In Geography, our topic is called "What would Dora the Explorer find exciting about our town?" The focus will be our local area- Oldham. We will be looking at maps and highlighting key landmarks around Hollinwood and Oldham which are of significance. The children will be explore the local physical and human landmarks and what is meant by these key words. On your way to school, ask your child to look out for points of interests and get them to identify things that they like/dislike about the area.

Religious Education

This term, the children will be exploring the question 'Who is God?' The children will have the opportunity to listen to various parables and discuss their significant to Christians today. They will also consider the importance of singing as part of Christian's worship in church.

Homework

New homework challenges have been set this half term in relation to our Science and Geography topics. This should be completed in their journal. Please ensure you child aims to complete 100 points this half term. The journals are also used for collective worship in school, therefore it is very important that children bring their journals into school every Thursday.

Reading/Spellings/Journals-

This term we will be working on becoming independent readers. This will improve the children's reading and writing. It is essential that you listen to your child read for 5 minutes daily. Please write a comment to let us know how they are doing and look out for key words for children to practise reading and spelling.

General Reminders

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 which will be used to enhance the curriculum.

Please make sure your child brings their reading book to school every day. Remember it is part of their school uniform.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday for a spelling test the following Monday.

PE - Friday (please ensure your child's kit is in school on this day).