

## Armstrong Class Topic Map Autumn 2

What an exciting term we have planned! The run up to Christmas is always exciting and a little tiring. Please have a read through the information on this topic map as it will help you support your child with their learning. Having conversations over dinner or on the way to and from school can provide excellent opportunities for you to ask questions about what your child is learning across the curriculum. By answering questions and engaging in discussions, your child will be beginning to master their own knowledge and understanding by recalling their learning.

### Maths

This half term we will be continuing our learning on Addition and Subtraction. As the term progresses we will move onto Multiplication and Division.

It is so important that the children continue to learn their multiplication tables as this plays an important role in such a wide range of mathematical skills, and are working towards the National Times Table Check in June.

### English

This term we will continue to embed our SPAG skills—expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation.

We will be writing to entertain and to persuade. Using Arthur and the Golden Rope and The Polar Express as our stimuli.

### Reading

During dedicated Whole Class Reading lessons, the children will engage with extracts from a wide range of books. This enables the children to dip their toes into a range of books as well as encountering a rich range of vocabulary and writing styles.

Our expectation is that each child reads at least three times a week at home, please remember to initial their reading journal when they have read.

### SPAG

Children will be set spellings to learn each week. These are important steps towards being able to spell the statutory words they will need to use in their writing on a daily basis.

Spellings will be sent home and tested on a Monday so please ensure your child has their book in school to practise and collect their spellings.

### Science

Our second unit on our PKC Science journey is Cycles in Nature. This unit will help us to understand the changes of the seasons and life cycles of plants and animals.

### RE

The children will be developing an understanding of Christian beliefs about God and the natural world and will learn to ask questions about how context might impact on these beliefs

### PE

Please don't forget that Armstrong class will have gymnastics on a Tuesday afternoon, please come to school in your PE kit with shorts and t-shirt under hoodies and trousers.

On Friday morning we will continue to have swimming—don't forget your kit!

# Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

## History

This term the children learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

We will learn about life in Ancient Egypt, the hierarchy, hieroglyphics and their belief system.

## Geography



This term we are learning about Settlements. The children will learn the various settlements—city, town, village, hamlet and the characteristics of these types of settlement. They will compare areas of our country to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

## PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will learn about our emotions. Thinking about why we feel the way we do, being about to share our feelings and learning how to cope with challenging emotions.

We will end the term with some anti-bullying lessons. Learning about what bullying is, what we can do if we see bullying and how to stand up to those who are unkind.

## Computing

This term we will continue to explore our emails.

We will then be furthering our understanding of technology and computer systems in relation to their hardware and software and how they interact together to complete tasks.

## Art/DT

Art this term will focus on Still life—we will use the skills that we learnt last term to draw objects that we can see. Remembering to observe the cast shadow and tone in the object.

After the success of our keyrings, we plan to design and make a Christmas decoration towards the end of

## French

Our unit this term is En Classe. We will learn the words to name objects in the class.

The children will begin to write simple French words and learn about the basics



## Home Learning Expectations

We will continue with our task homework. The children will need to complete a task each week. Homework books will be sent home on Friday and due in the following

Thursday—stickers for those returned early. If you have any questions please ask one of us on the gate.