

Armstrong Class Topic Map Spring 1

A new year—2026! Lots of exciting learning planned! Please keep talking to your child about their learning, having opportunities to share what they have learnt is an excellent way to embed this learning in their long term memory and talking in sentences helps their writing development too. Reading in key and in Armstrong class we reward reading lots, not only with a 100 reads, and stickers, but also with a reading raffle ticket for the monster so keep reading as much as possible, remember to ask your child questions about what they have read too.

Maths

This half term we will be learning on Multiplication and Division. As the term progresses we will move onto Fractions as the term progresses.

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, they are regularly being tested in class in preparation for the Multiplication Check next term.

English

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

We will use Arthur and the Golden Rope as a stimuli for writing diary entries, and finish the reading Fly, using the information to write a non-chronological report.

Reading

During dedicated Whole Class Reading lessons, the children will engage with extracts from a wide range of books. Children have the opportunity to bring home this extract to share it with you. They may even like to read the whole book. We use a mix of modelled reading, echo reading and choral reading to embed fluency, alongside looking at a variety of retrieval and inference questions.

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

This term, the children will be learning about Light. There are lots of exciting facts and experiments to do in this unit and I am sure the children will be brimming with information by the end of the unit.

RE

What is a good life?

(Non-Religious
World Views)

The children will explore the concepts of equality, and justice, along with learning about humanism and James Baldwin.

PE

From January, Armstrong have PE on a **Monday**, where they will take part in dance sessions and ultimately perform in the dance festival at the Alive Corn Exchange. They will also need their PE kit on a **Friday**.

Please come to school in your PE kit with shorts and t-shirt under hoodies and trousers.

Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

History

This term we will learn about the Anglo Saxons. We will find out who lived in the UK before the Anglo Saxons invaded; what is meant by the terms invade and raid; the beliefs of the Anglo Saxons and the battles the Anglo Saxons had to defend their land.



Geography

This term we are learning about Rivers. We will learn about the make up of a river from source to mouth and about important rivers across the world.

This will link back to our learning about Settlements and Ancient Egypt last term.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, Diversity and Communities.

We will learn that we are all different and that we can share our unique talents and gifts with others to make a well rounded community.

Computing

The children will be learning about how to perform effective searches when using the internet, alongside Route Planning. This involves the children building on prior learning where they use algorithms and write code to give the 'screen turtle' directions.

Art/DT

Art this term will explore the Art of Ancient Egyptians. We have lots of exciting projects to complete in this unit.

This term we will plan, design and make pop up books. We will learn about the mechanisms needed to achieve our final product.

French

Our unit this term is Mon Corp. We will learn to name and describe parts of our body. We will also learn the names of the days of the week.

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. If you have any questions please Mrs Zeil or Miss Thorne.