



Armstrong Class Bulletin

Cranford Park CE Primary School, Cranford Park Drive, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6LB

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Welcome to Armstrong Class!

I am Mrs Lees, the Class Teacher for Armstrong Class and our Learning Support Assistants are Mrs Buck, Mrs Hickey and Mrs Lee

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to the office to book an appointment to see me or find me for a socially distanced chat at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any quick questions / queries.



This Half-Term's Topics...

This half term, our topic work is based around **our** Alien Visitor; Beepo.

We will be thinking about the Moon Landing and learning about Neil Armstrong, after whom our class is named, as

well as making moon buggies to search across the moon.

In **Science** we will learn all about Humans and other Animals, including life cycles, how adults care for babies, how to keep healthy, including the importance of a balanced diet and exercise.

In **computing**, we will learn about programming instructions to control on-screen sprites.

In **PSHE**, we will be setting up our class charter, with particular emphasis on the rights of all children, but also the responsibilities that go with those rights to ensure that everyone stays happy and safe, and that we keep our class and school looking fantastic.

In **RE** we will be thinking about 'Bread as a Symbol', and we will be trying different types of bread and thinking about how and why it is a symbol for Christians.

In **PE** we will be doing tennis and in games Lewis, the sports coach, will be teaching Hockey skills.

Next Half-Term's Topics...

In the second half of the autumn term our topic will be **Light Up the Night**.

This will include learning about the Gunpowder Plot in history, and painting Starry Night pictures in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.

Computing lessons will involve testing out games.

Our next **RE** theme will be Candlelight at Advent and Diwali, and in **PE** we will be doing gymnastics and football or rugby.

What equipment will my child need?

Your child will need their **full P.E. kit**. This consists of:

A plain, white T-shirt
Plain, bottle green shorts
Trainers or plimsolls.

At the moment the children need to come into school wearing their P.E. kits. P.E. days are **Wednesday and Thursday**. No earrings or watches may be worn during P.E. for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves, please supply some tape to cover them during these lessons.

Homework

Most importantly, please hear your child read **regularly** - every evening if possible.

Regular practise is essential at this age.

The children will also be given a weekly homework task. Most will consist of your child sharing what they have learned in school that week or preparing for the following week's topics. They may be asked to draw, make lists, play a maths game, carry out simple research, play a game on the computer etc, related to the current topics. All homework will be explained on a sheet which we ask you to sign. It should not be too onerous, and if it is becoming so, please let me know! We will begin setting homework and again due to the circumstances at the moment this will be on Tapestry so we do not have books going home.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and should be completed and loaded up to Tapestry by the following **Wednesday**.

Reading

Each child will have their own reading book. We aim to hear every child read at least once a week to monitor their progress and change books. They will therefore need to have their reading book and reading record with them **every day**. We would be grateful if you could sign the record book each time you read with your child at home and we welcome any comments which you feel may be useful. We operate a



reading ladder – the children need to **read 5 times** at home and have their records signed by an adult. Please remember we can count reading on bug club as part of the challenge. They will then be entered into a raffle!

Water Bottles – Please ensure your child brings this to school every day. We are sending them home every evening at the moment for them to be cleaned

Uniform

The children have all come back to school looking really smart – thank you.

Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly inside everything they own – it is quite difficult to reunite children with jumpers, in particular if they are unnamed. It might be a good idea for those children with Cranford Park coats to personalise them in some way ie; ribbon through the zip toggle to help the children identify their own.

And Finally...

We hope that we can all work together so that your child has a really successful year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lees

Class teacher

Moon Landings and Visitors from outer Space!

We will be sending words home at the beginning of each unit to help develop children's communication skills. Most important is that they use them orally and within sentences when talking about the half terms topic. There will be some simple words that they should be able to read and spell correctly. We will be using lots of the vocabulary throughout our topic at school and it would be beneficial if you could be talking about and using them at home too.

Anchor Words	Goldilocks Words	Step Up Words
<p><i>-Children have a thorough understanding of these words.</i></p> <p><i>-Everyday language used at home and school in daily interactions.</i></p> <p><i>-Children will have become familiar with these words through prior teaching and exposure.</i></p>	<p><i>-These are really useful words.</i></p> <p><i>-Likely to be encountered again in reading or oral language.</i></p> <p><i>-Words that are topic specific but important to the topic.</i></p>	<p><i>-Words that are particularly topic specific and less likely to encounter in daily interactions.</i></p> <p><i>- Advanced vocabulary they are likely to encounter again later on in education.</i></p>

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<p><i>Moon</i></p> <p><i>Sun</i></p> <p><i>rock</i></p> <p><i>rocket</i></p> <p><i>stars</i></p> <p><i>space</i></p>	<p><i>planets</i></p> <p><i>moon buggies</i></p> <p><i>solar</i></p> <p><i>space station</i></p> <p><i>zooming</i></p> <p><i>blasting</i></p> <p><i>clever</i></p>	<p><i>astronauts</i></p> <p><i>space suits</i></p> <p><i>lunar modules</i></p> <p><i>launching</i></p> <p><i>satellites</i></p>