



Armstrong Class Bulletin

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

April 2018

Last term flew by and the children really enjoyed learning about animals and rainforests and thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Marwell Zoo. Thank you for your continuing support especially with their Rainforest projects; they were out of this world. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off all their work to you at our Zoo day.

We are looking forward to another exciting term which we are sure the children will enjoy.

This Half Term's Topic is...

"Out and About in Yateley" We will visit Yateley Common and the Town and compare both environments and think about the human and physical features of both.

In science we will look at the different types of plants found in our local environment and explore the conditions needed for seeds and plants to grow well.

In computing we will be learning how to collect data and use graphing programmes to organise data.

In RE we will be exploring the children's ideas about God.

SATs

We will be doing our SATs booklets during the month of May. We try to keep these as informal as possible so as not to stress the children and we take the children in small groups so that they can work at their own pace, without interruptions. The best ways that you can help your child during this time are: to make sure they get plenty of sleep, give them a good breakfast before school and not put any extra stress or worry on them. You will be informed in July as to how they have done.

Next half term our topic will be...

"A Step Back in Time" and the children will be learning more about life in Victorian Times, focussing on the work and leisure activities of this period. We have a school trip booked for the very beginning of July to go to Farnham Museum; more details will be sent nearer the time. To let you know in advance, the children will need a Victorian costume for the day!

In Design Technology they will be designing and making a Victorian bathing hut, complete with wheels and axles and in RE they will be exploring the concept of Change, thinking about how Christians believe Jesus changed people's lives.

In computing we will be continuing our work from Out and About in Yateley and making power points and adding pictures of our local environment, adding our writing and music to this. (hopefully!!)

Pedestrian Training

All of the children will be taking part in the Street's Ahead Pedestrian Training scheme this term, learning about how to keep safe when crossing roads. The scheme will be run by some parents and staff who have all been trained to deliver the course, and who work with the children in very small groups. We are very grateful to the volunteers who will be giving up their time to help your children gain an essential awareness of road safety. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Music

Music classes will continue with Mrs Vaughan every Wednesday. This term we are learning the ukulele.

P.E.

Please can you make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day! We do Dance on a **Tuesday** and Games on a **Thursday** – hopefully outside - so plimsolls or trainers are vital!

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

Thank you very much for the support you have given your child with their homework so far. We will continue to set homework on a Friday. It should be handed in on Wednesday in order for me to have time to mark it. It won't be long before the children move to Year 3, so this is an important term to get them into good habits, if they aren't already.

Please remember that daily reading is also part of the children's homework – please try and make time for this, even if it is just 5 minutes a day. Please remember to write in their reading records if they read using bug Club so we can put them up the reading ladder.

The reading ladder is working well, and most children are keen to reach the top of the ladder by reading at least 5 times in a week.

Can you help us?

If you are able to offer any time to come in and help, we are always grateful!

Can you help hear children read?

Thank you to those parents who helped us with reading last term. At this stage it is very important that children practise their reading as often as possible so if you have some spare time in the morning, please sign in at the office and then come and help.



Uniform

Just a reminder to check that all items are still named – especially jumpers and cardigans as the children often remove these during the warmer weather.

Please can you also ensure that they still have coats in school at the moment, as we are out and about a lot, and the weather is very unpredictable!

Water bottles

As the warmer weather approaches (hopefully!) it is even more important that your child has regular drinks throughout the day. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school.

Preparing for Year 3

To help the children prepare for year 3, we would really like your support in helping them to become more independent – little things such as being responsible for their own belongings, giving messages to the teachers, remembering to bring items into school and home again etc. can all make a big difference in how children approach school in general.

Finally

Play Equipment

Could you please ensure that the children are not using the play equipment in the school grounds before or after the school day. We cannot ensure that it is being used safely during these busy times and do not want the children injuring themselves.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lees

Class teacher

Out and about in Yateley Vocabulary

We are starting to send 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>Town</p> <p>Road</p> <p>Map</p> <p>Smell</p> <p>Touch</p> <p>Hear</p> <p>See</p> <p>Church</p> <p>School</p>	<p>Yateley</p> <p>Common</p> <p>Hampshire</p> <p>North</p> <p>South</p> <p>East</p> <p>West</p> <p>Adjective</p> <p>Verb</p> <p>Adverb</p> <p>Yateley Green</p> <p>Local</p> <p>poem</p>	<p>Sences</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Setting</p> <p>County</p> <p>Country</p> <p>Simile</p> <p>Onomatopoeia</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>environment</p>