



Curriculum Letter - Summer Term 2016



Armstrong and Nightingale Classes

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



- We will be developing the children's understanding of different cultures by looking at our own community and country and places we may visit on holiday.
- We will continue to develop speaking and listening skills when using partner work so that children become more confident and independent in being able to report back what their talk partners have told them. (Talk for Learning)

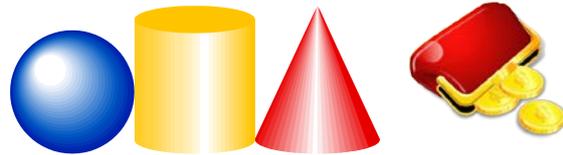


Communication & Language/Literacy/Reading



- We will be listening and responding to stories linked to our themes e.g. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Billy's Beetle and The Bad Tempered Ladybird, farm stories, The Train Ride.
- Through looking at these texts we will be developing our understanding of key features of stories such as characters, settings and events and discussing the types of language used in the texts.
- We will also be continuing with our Phonics sessions, working through the Read, Write, Inc programme.
- We will be carrying out non-fiction writing activities linked to our themes e.g. minibeast fact file, report writing following our visit to Hall Park Farm. (details to follow)

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- We will be providing opportunities to explore 2D and 3D shapes and will look at their properties and how we can sort them according to different criteria.
- We will be finding out about data handling using such things as tally charts.
- Through our play activities we will be exploring symmetry and capacity e.g. in the water area and as part of our creative activities.
- We will also be revisiting Time and Money, building on the work we have done previously and developing it further through adult led activities.

- For our number work this term we will be focussing on doubling, halving and sharing, counting on and counting back skills (linked to addition and subtraction) and counting in sets of 5's and 10's. We will also look at solving word problems linked to addition, subtraction, doubling and halving and number facts of numbers to 10.



Understanding the World

- We will be looking at where we live, maps and other countries.
- We will be finding out the places we have been to on holiday.
- We will be learning about special times and events for our families e.g. Father's Day.
- We will be going on a minibeast hunt and recording our findings in a Tally Chart.
- We will be learning about animal life cycles.



Physical Development (PD)

- For our indoor and outdoor PE sessions we will be developing our coordination and control over using small equipment such as balls, beanbags and quoits. We will be practising our skills in throwing, passing, catching and dribbling. Please could the children have a pair of plimsolls or trainers in their P.E. bag for our outdoor sessions. We will also be practising a range of events in preparation for Sports' Day.



Expressive Arts & Design

- We will be exploring symmetry and symmetrical patterns by making butterfly pictures.
- We will be looking at and creating our own Australian Art Work and patterns.
- We will continue to develop our role play skills on a minibeast safari.
- Our school's artist this term is Monet and we will be creating our own Monet-inspired art work.



Things to do at home

- Please listen to your child read on a regular basis and record this EACH time in their reading diary. We would usually want your child to read a book at least twice before we change it.
- Encourage your child to practise writing their surname.
- We still need to keep practising writing our numbers as many children are recording them backwards, start with numbers 1 - 10 and when your child is confident with this, begin to focus more on 11 - 20 and then beyond.
- Alongside the reading, please continue to practise the tricky words that were sent home, as often if children don't revisit them, they can start to become unfamiliar with them again.
- Please continue to use the Home School books to note any interests that your child may have, or to put in photographs, pictures, writing etc of the lovely things they get up to at the weekends and holidays!! We have enjoyed looking at these as a class and the children are always keen to share their experiences with us.

We hope this information is useful and that you enjoy exploring and sharing the ideas with your children. Please feel free to call in and talk to us if you have any further questions.

Many Thanks for your support

Foundation Stage Staff.