

Summer Newsletter 2022

Armstrong Centre – Millennium class.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and not indulged too much in all the delicious chocolate eggs on offer!!!!!!!

Our overall topic this term is 'Sensational Stories' in particular looking at the stories written by Julia Donaldson. The students will develop their skills in commenting on books, pictures and character's as well as completing their own individual work within literacy sessions and making a selection of craft activities where they will develop their communication skills further in using their preferred means of communication. The two main stories of focus are 'Superworm' and 'The Singing Mermaid', alongside the pupils own individual interests.

We also continue to devote our sessions and morning routines, promoting reading and focussing on our pupils developing their confidence in independent and shared reading, spelling application, and their handwriting.

Numeracy sessions will see pupils continue to develop their skills on number and place value, shape, and measurement work. We will be participating in lots of fun and interesting practical activities.

During science the pupils will carry out a range of experiments and develop their knowledge around rocks and the rock cycle. Each week we will be performing science experiments related to rocks. Pupils will investigate the rock cycle and the formation of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. After each experiment the pupils will be completing a description sheet and make and confirm their predictions. We will be looking at how the shapes of solid items can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching and explore the composition of rocks using a variety of resources.

Swimming will continue a Tuesday morning and we will continue to access our community visits on a Monday afternoon to the local shops, where the pupils will purchase snacks and ingredients for food technology using money and number skills.

Our therapists Catrin (SALT) and Shauna (OT) will continue to work in class delivering individual and group-based therapy sessions focusing on communication, interaction, sensory integration, social skills, and independence. We are also accessing our new Sensory Integration room this term, where the class can explore a wide range of new sensory based equipment. Such sessions will also enable the students to engage in imaginative play and turn taking skills with each other.

If you have any further questions you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Joanne and Millennium class team



"Watch him wriggle, watch him squirm

Hip, hip, hooray for Superworm"

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