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Dear Parents and carers,

Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term 2 2022

The children have made a fantastic start to school life and we are very proud of how well they settled into school! We hope you have enjoyed seeing pictures of the children's learning on the website so far, please keep an eye on the 'News and Events' section to see what we get up to in class. We are also putting a daily notice up at collection time so you know what we have done that day. We hope this will help spark some conversation on the way home about our learning in class. Remember that we also put a weekly update on Seesaw for you to see what we have been learning and what is coming up!

Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'On the Move.' We will be thinking about different journeys and ways of making journeys. The culmination of our topic will be our visit to Audley End when we will travel by coach to the site and then go on an exciting train journey! To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum overview letter.



Belongings

Thank you for making sure your children have the correct, named belongings. If they don't have them in school already, please send a named **waterproof** with hood, named **welly boots and either waterproof trousers or a puddle suit**. We will continue to play outside and visit the forest area even when it gets wet and cold. The outside doors in the classrooms are usually open to allow children to access the patio areas, so **layers of clothing** will also be useful as the weather becomes cooler.

Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what your child has read and enjoyed. You may wish to include other books you are reading in their diary – library books, books from home etc. Please continue to read and record (at least!) five reads in your reading diary each week. Book bags need to be in school **every day** as your child will be able to change their story book. Each week, we will check your child's diary and if they have 5 or more reads, they will receive a special sticker.

You may wish to choose an 'On the Move' themed project from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea!). If your child has worked on a home learning project, please bring it into school or share a photo or video of it via Seesaw so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing about their home learning projects. There will also be little weekly challenges on the Seesaw posts.

Dates for your diary:

7th November – EYFS height/weight checks

8-10th November – Parent Consultations

9th November – Class 1 and 2 Local Walk

Weeks beginning 14th/21st November – Anti-bullying Weeks – theme is ‘Reach Out’

14th November – Odd Socks Day

18th November – Children in Need Day

29th November – Trip to Audley End (more details to follow)

6th December – Open Classrooms

13th December – EYFS performance to parents/carers at 2pm (more details to follow)

16th December – Christmas/Winter Jumper Day

16th December – Christmas Lunch

21st December – End of Autumn Term.

You can see from that list that it is going to be a very busy and exciting half term in school! We are looking forward to speaking to you all at parent consultations but, as always, do speak to us at drop-off/ pick-up if you have any questions, feedback or concerns.

Best wishes,

Mrs Griffin, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir

