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Dear Parents and Carers,

Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring Term 1 2024

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and we are excited to see them continue to grow and learn this term.

Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'Animals.' We will be learning about animals and where they live around the world with a specific focus on animals that live in the Savannah, Polar Regions and Oceans. 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 is wet and cold. Please make sure everything is named – including gloves! It is very difficult to reunite belongings with their owners when they are not named.



Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what you have enjoyed reading with your child and what they have read to you. 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 sharing book. Each week, we will check your child's diary and if they have 5 or more reads, they will receive a special sticker. Your child will become even more confident with their reading this term and it is so important to encourage and value their efforts at home. If you would like more support with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

You may also wish to choose an 'Animals' themed idea from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea). If your child has worked on a home learning project, they can bring in to share or you can email a photo or video to smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk, so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing their home learning.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th January – Lion Learners 'Animal Experience'

Week beginning 22nd January – Take One Picture week

Tuesday 23rd January – Open Classrooms

Week beginning 29th January – National Story Telling week

February – LGBTQ+ History Month

Friday 2nd February – 'Be the Rainbow' event after school

Week beginning 5th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February – EY Trip to Johnson's Zoo

Friday 9th February – Half termly tea event after school with Take One Picture week art exhibition.

We hope that you and your child have had a very smooth and happy start to 2024. We are always keen to talk with you about your child and their learning so do ask to speak to us at drop-off/pick-up if you have any questions or anything you'd like to share with us.

Best wishes,

Mr Sapsford, Miss Ozakpinar, Miss Ellis, Mrs Kabir and Mrs Begum