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Dear Parents/Carers,

Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term 1 2022

Welcome to Arbury Primary School from all the staff in Early Years! We are absolutely delighted to have met you and your wonderful children this week and can't wait to get to know you all better. We are really looking forward to an exciting year with lots of experiences, opportunities and fun together.

Each half term you will receive an overview of the half termly topic, a breakdown of what we will be covering within each aspect of learning and some ideas for activities you might like to try at home. In between these letters, we will keep in touch with you on a weekly basis on **Seesaw**. You will receive guidance about getting started on **Seesaw** so please let us know if you have any problems logging on. We will also upload pictures of learning activities to the school website regularly, so please keep an eye out to see what we have been up to.

Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'People' and we will be getting to know each other, talking about the people in our family, class, school and local communities. We would love to have a **family picture** for each child to display in the classroom, please send them via Seesaw, email them to office@arbury.cambs.sch.uk or put a printed copy in your child's book bag. Later on this half term, we will be learning about people who help us and thinking about different jobs. If you would be happy to share a picture of you at work or to come and talk to us about your job, please let us know. Previously we have had a visit from a bricklayer and pictures from a firefighter – all contributions welcome! To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum overview letter.






Supporting Learning at Home

We ask that you read with your child as much as possible! Please read and record (at least!) five reads in your child's 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. At this point in the year, you will be doing the reading together: looking at the pictures, spotting letters from your child's name and supporting them to listen to and talk about the book. If you would like more support with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher.

You may wish to choose a 'People' themed project from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea!). If your child has done something exciting at home, we ask that you send it in or share a photo or video of it via Seesaw, so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing their experiences/ learning from home with us at school. We also provide a log in for Education City (this will be sent home with your child), which has a variety of games to support your child's learning.

Belongings

Please make sure your child has the following items in school each day:

Book bag and named water bottle.	
A full set of named , spare clothes (including underwear and socks!) to be left in a bag on your child's peg.	
A pair of named shorts and a named t-shirt in a bag for your child to change into for PE lessons (please include a pair of trainers during summer term). Our PE day in reception is Monday.	
Clothes for Forest School/ outdoor play: a named waterproof with hood, named welly boots and either waterproof trousers or a puddle suit. It is ideal if these can also be left in school on your child's peg/class welly boot rack.	
All children are entitled to school meals, but if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch, please ensure that their lunch box is named.	

Dates for your diary:

International Day of Peace - Wed 21st September

Open classrooms - Tues 27th September

Harvest assembly – Fri 30th September

Black History Month – throughout October

National Poetry Day- Thurs 6th October

Individual photographs – Thurs 20th October

Show Racism the Red Card – Fri 21st October

We will also be electing school council and eco-schools representatives and reading ambassadors for each class.

We hope that you and your child have a very smooth and happy start to life at school. 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.

Best wishes,

Mrs Griffin, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir