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Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Arbury Primary School! It has been wonderful meeting you and your children this week. We are really looking forward to an exciting year of learning, new experiences, and fun together.

Each half term, you will receive an overview of our learning theme. Weekly updates will also be sent via ParentMail on Mondays (starting 14.09.2026) to share what we have been learning and what's coming up. Photos of class activities (for children with permission) will be posted on the school website under the 'News and Events' section so do check there regularly to see what we've all been up to! There are already some photos up of children's first day so do take a look if you haven't already. We do not share photographs of children without photo permission in place so please email office@arbury.cambs.sch.uk if you would like to give photo permission for your child and you did not indicate this on the original paperwork.

Learning Theme

Our theme this half term is '**Me and My World!**'. We will be learning about ourselves, our families, our school and the local community. Through our key texts, *In Every House on Every Street* and *Rosie's Walk*, children will begin to explore similarities and differences between people, homes and communities as well as develop the skill of using 'first, next and finally' to support their story telling and communication and language.

As part of our learning, we would love to create a display celebrating our families. Please email Mrs Morris (smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) a **family photograph**, along with a brief description of who is in the picture, as well as information celebrating your cultural heritage. Alternatively, you can send a printed photograph and written caption in with your child.

As part of learning about the local community, we'll be learning about 'people who help us', paying particular focus on healthcare workers, police officers, and firefighters. To support us in this, we would like to invite any parents in to school who work in the emergency services to share a little bit about their job with the children and answer any questions they might have. If you're able to do this, please let your child's class teacher know or email Mrs Morris so that we can arrange an appropriate time for your visit.

Throughout the half term, children will develop their communication, language, early reading and writing skills through discussions, stories, songs and role-play activities. In mathematics, we will be learning to match, sort and compare objects, explore patterns, and develop our understanding of numbers to 3. We will also begin learning Phase 2 sounds through our Little Wandle phonics programme. Later in the half term, we will be hosting a 'Phonics Workshop' which we strongly encourage parents to attend. More information about this will follow shortly.

Staffing

Class	Class 1	Class 2
Teacher	Miss Ozakpinar	Ms Battey
Teaching Assistant	Miss Ellis	Mrs Kabir
Additional Adults supporting EYFS	Mrs Oram Mrs Rose-Moore M Worricker	

On Fridays, Ms Battey and Miss Ozakpinar will have Leadership/PPA release. During which time, classes will be taught by **Mrs Oram (Class 1)** and **Mrs Rose-Moore (Class 2)**. The class TAs (Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir) will remain in class all day on Fridays as usual.

What to Bring to School

Please make sure your child has the following items in school each day. **It is important that all items are labelled with your child's name.** In the case of missing items, we cannot ensure that unlabelled items are returned.

Book bag (including reading record) and water bottle Water only, juice/squash can be included in lunchboxes.	
Named spare clothes These should be kept in a named bag on your child's peg. Please include pants and socks.	
PE kit A pair of shorts and a t-shirt in a bag for your child to change into for PE lessons. PE is on Thursdays.	
Outdoor clothes – used for the forest area and messy play Waterproof jacket with hood, welly boots, and waterproof trousers. These will be kept in school and sent home when needed to clean.	
Lunch All children are entitled to school meals, but packed lunches are welcome. Please ensure that their lunchbox is named . A fruit snack is provided every day at break time but you can send a piece of fruit from home if you prefer.	
Shoes Please make sure your child wears shoes that they can put on independently for both everyday school wear and PE. To help encourage independence, we ask that shoes do not have laces. During warmer weather, children are welcome to wear sandals, provided they have closed toes.	

Supporting Learning at Home

Please read with your child regularly and record at least **five reads each week** in their reading diary. Book bags should be in school every day so that your child is ready to receive new books. Children take home a new reading for pleasure book every day; this book is expected to be read by an adult at home to the child to encourage a joy for reading. Please ensure these books are brought back to school each day. Later on in the term, your child will receive their weekly **phonics book**. These books will go home each **Thursday** and must be **brought back the following Monday**. The phonics book will match your child's reading level and it is expected that the child will read this book to their adult. The children who have read/shared books **at least five times a week** and have these recorded in their reading diary will earn a sticker and also help their class to win the weekly reading trophy (awarded to the class in EYFS/KS1 with the highest percentage of children achieving 5 or more recorded reads). More information about our phonics programme, *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised*, will follow soon as well as a parent workshop date. You can also find out more here [For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Dates for Your Diary

w/c 21st September – Healthy Lifestyles Week
21st September – Flu vaccinations
29th September – Open Classrooms
8th October – Individual Photographs
9th October – Half-Termly Tea
12th October – Harvest assembly (children only attending)
Phonics Workshop – more information will be shared shortly
23rd October – Last day of half-term

We will also be electing school council, eco-school representatives and reading ambassadors for each class this half term.

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 pick-up. You can also contact us via email: smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Best wishes,
Ms Battey, Miss Ozakpinar, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir
The EYFS Team

