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Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 1 2025

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 15.09.25) 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 here regularly to see what we've all been up to!

Learning Theme

Our theme this half term is '**People**'. We will be learning about our families, classmates, school, and community. We will be comparing our similarities and celebrating our differences. Please email smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk a **family photo** for classroom display, along with a brief summary of who is in the photo and your family heritage. Alternatively, you can send a printed photograph in with your child. Later this term, we will focus on **people who help us and different jobs**. If you can share a picture of yourself at work or visit us and talk about your job, we'd love to hear from you.

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 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- forest area 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.



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 sharing (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.

Staffing

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

Dates for Your Diary

30th September – Open Classrooms

19th October – Harvest assembly (children only attending)

Throughout October – Black History Month

2nd October – National Poetry Day

3rd October – Flu vaccinations

9th October – Individual Photographs

10th October – Half-termly tea

17th October – Show Racism the Red Card

Phonics Workshop – more information will be shared shortly

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
EYFS team.