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Half Termly Letter – Autumn 1 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Arbury Primary School from all the staff in Early Years! We are absolutely delighted to have met you and your wonderful children 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 learning area and some ideas for activities you might like to try at home. In between these letters, we will keep in touch with you via **Seesaw**. Information will be with you shortly to help you log on and get started. Do 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 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 information 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 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 worked on a home learning project, we ask that you don't send it into school, but share a photo of it via Seesaw, so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing about their home learning projects. We also provide a log in for Education City and Numbots, which have a variety of games to support your child's learning.

If your child is required to self-isolate due to COVID-19, work will be added on Seesaw for them to complete.

Belongings

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

Book bag and 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.	

We have been advised to keep good levels of **ventilation** in school, so **layers of clothing** will be useful as the weather becomes cooler.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 21st September – International Day of Peace

October – Black History Month

Thursday 7th October – National Poetry Day

Thursday 21st October – Individual Photographs

Friday 22nd October – Wear Red Day / Show Racism the Red Card

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