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Dear Parents and carers,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 1 2020

Welcome to our first Reception newsletter! We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and your children, and are looking forward to an exciting learning journey together this year. In addition to the weekly updates we upload to eSchools, this letter should give you an overview of our learning in Class 1 and 2.

Learning themes:

We will be exploring two main learning themes this half term which we wanted to give you some information about, and also some ideas for how you can support your children's learning at home.

All About Me: 28th September – 9th October

We will be discussing, reading and writing our names. We will be carefully examining our faces using mirrors, discussing similarities and differences and drawing self-portraits for a display. We will be discussing how we have changed from when we were babies, and also how baby animals grow and change. We will also be naming and describing the people who make up our different families, and talking about the different hobbies and activities that we enjoy doing with our families and friends at home.

Things you can do to support this theme:

- Please send in a baby photo of your child, through eSchools
- Discuss your child's likes and dislikes with them, for example foods, places to visit, toys.
- Help your child recognise and write their name at home, for example when signing birthday cards or invitations.

Autumn: 12th October – 23rd October

We will be noticing how the environment around us is changing as we move into Autumn. We will be looking at the leaves on the trees and observing their changing colours and that they are falling. We will be discussing Harvest Festival and talking about how people celebrate the Harvest around the world.

Things you can do to support this theme:

- Talk about the changing seasons and notice how the trees and environment is changing on your journey to school.
- Keep a weather chart for a week, drawing a picture to show whether it is rainy or sunny
- Make an autumn nature table with your child and collect conkers, leaves or other seasonal goodies together. You might like to send a photo of your collection to your child's teacher through eSchools.

Reading:

Please ensure that your child's book bag is in school **every day** so they can change their book from our book box (aimed at you reading aloud to your child). On **Fridays**, we will look at the recorded reads in your child's diary and children with 5 or more reads will receive a special sticker. Watch out for updates about the sounds we are learning to read in our weekly updates.

Important Dates:

Thursday 1st October: National Poetry Day

Friday 16th October: Wear Red Day / Show Racism the Red Card

October: Black History Month

Thank you for entrusting your wonderful children to us, we are so glad to have them as part of our Arbury Primary School family.

Best wishes,

Miss Sheldon, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir