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Dear Parents and carers,

### **Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term 2 2023**

The children have made a fantastic start to back at school this week! We have a jam packed half term of fun planned for them this half term. We hope you have enjoyed seeing pictures of the children's learning on the website so far this year, please keep an eye on the 'News and Events' section so you can stay up to date with what we are getting up to in class. Remember that we also send a weekly update via parent mail for you to hear what we have been learning and also what is coming up.

#### Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'On the Move!' We will be thinking about different journeys and ways of making journeys. One of the most exciting parts of our topic will be our visit to Audley End, where we will travel by coach to go on an exciting railway journey! To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum overview letter.



#### Belongings

Thank you for making sure your children have the correct, named belongings. If they don't have them in school already, please send a named **waterproof** with hood, named **welly boots and either waterproof trousers or a puddle suit**. We will continue to play outside and visit the forest area even when it gets wet and cold. The outside doors in the classrooms are almost always open to allow children to access the outdoor learning environment, so **layers of clothing** will also be useful as the weather becomes cooler.

#### Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what your child has read and enjoyed. You may wish to include other books you are reading in their diary – library books, books from home etc. Please continue to 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 sharing book daily. Each week, we will check your child's diary and if they have 5 or more reads, they will receive a special sticker. The Key Stage 1 class with the highest percentage of children getting 5 or more reads wins the Key Stage 1 reading trophy for the week. It would be great if the EYFS classes could win it for the first time this half term, **so please get reading!**

You may wish to choose an 'On the Move' 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 share a photo or video of it via email ([smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)) or have them bring it in so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing their home learning projects!

Dates for your diary:

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Wear Read Day/Show Racism the Red Card

7th-8th November – Parent Consultations

Weeks beginning 13th/20th November – Anti-Bullying Weeks

13th November – Odd Socks Day

17th November – Children in Need Day

17th November – Friends of Arbury Half-Termly Tea

22nd November – EYFS Trip to Audley End

28th November – Open Classrooms

15th December – Christmas/Winter Jumper Day

15th December – Christmas Lunch

19th December – EYFS performance to parents/carers at 2.15pm (more details to follow)

20th December – End of Autumn Term.

You can see from that list that it is going to be a very busy and exciting half term in school! We are looking forward to speaking to you all at parent consultations but, as always, do speak to us at drop-off/ pick-up if you have any questions, feedback or concerns.

Best wishes,

Mr Sapsford, Miss Ozakpinar, Miss Ellis, Mrs Begum and Mrs Kabir

