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Dear Parents and carers,

Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term 2 2024

The children have made a fantastic start back at school this week! We have a jam-packed half term of fun planned for them. 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 every Monday morning for you to hear what we have been learning about and what is coming up.

Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'Light and Dark'. We will be learning about the celebrations of different religions and their similarities and differences, particularly focusing on their use of light. Children will find out about the changing seasons and how the days get shorter and it stays dark for longer as well as learning about shadows. 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. Please do not send children to school without a jumper to wear indoors!

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 celebrate winning it this half term, **so please get reading!**

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th November – Wear Read Day/Show Racism the Red Card assembly
Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November – **Parent Consultations – Please remember to book yours online!**
Friday 15th November – Children in Need Day – ‘Do Your Thing’ assembly
Week beginning 18th November – Anti-Bullying Week ‘Choose Respect’
Monday 18th November – Odd Socks Day – Children can wear odd socks (linked to ABW)
Wednesday 20th November – Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 21st November – EYFS Trip to Audley End
Week beginning 25th November – Take One Picture Week ‘Paint What Matters’
Tuesday 26th November – Open Classrooms
Friday 6th December - Friends of Arbury Half-Termly Tea
Friday 13th December – EYFS Nativity performance to parents/carers (more details to follow but this will be during the afternoon)
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas/Winter Jumper Day
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch
Friday 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

