



## The Arbours Primary Academy Newsletter

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Welcome back again to the new school year. We have had a wonderful first few weeks with the children settling in well. We have introduced a new Behaviour Policy and there has been a great improvement in behaviour. We have welcomed many new children and staff and they have quickly become members of The Arbours family! We will soon be sending out information about becoming a parent Governor and would like to encourage as much parent feedback and support as possible.

### Key upcoming dates

- **Individual photographs** – 5<sup>th</sup> October
- **Parent’s Evening** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3:45 – 7:00 and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3:45- 6:00. – please note 6JH, 2ZH and 5CA will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- **EYFS Open Days** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9:45 and 2PM, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:45 and 2PM and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9:45 and 2PM.

	<p><i>We are so proud of how the Reception children have settled into school so far. The children have had a very busy few weeks where they have been exploring the resources and having lots of fun making new friends. This term the children will be learning about the stories ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and ‘Owl Babies’. They will help us to retell and act out the stories, which we look forward to hearing. They will also be starting PE soon where we will be learning a range of skills, starting with balance. The children will be changing into their PE kits for the first time so please make sure their clothes are labelled. There will be many more exciting activities to come and we look forward to sharing this with you on tapestry.</i></p> <p><i>Miss Serrell &amp; Miss Lane -EYFS</i></p>
<b>Aspiration</b>	<p><i>Hello and welcome back to all the children in Year 1. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday!</i></p> <p><i>This term we will be learning how to use our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently in our English lessons. In maths, we are learning all about numbers in place value and our addition and subtraction units. The children will be learning a range of ways in to add and subtract numbers. ‘Seasons and Weather’ is our topic this term in science and we are excited to learn all about different weathers and how they are effected by the seasons. In geography, we will be learning all about different types of maps and the globe. This is linked to our computing topic which is ‘weather forecasting’, by the end of this half term, the children will be producing their own weather forecasts. In PE, the children will be learning gymnastics and how to balance their bodies in a number of different ways.</i></p> <p><i>Miss Spence &amp; Mrs Hall -Y1</i></p>
<b>Respect</b>	<p><i>Welcome back! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer. All the children have settled back in very well this term and we are looking forward to learning lots of new things. During our English lessons we are going to start using some more advanced punctuation (inverted commas and question marks) when writing our own journey tales. In maths we are beginning to add 2 digit numbers as well as looking at place value and use tens and ones to help represent numbers. This term we are also doing science (learning about different habitats), geography (map reading skills) and computing (understanding how to play games and what algorithms are). As we are a singing school we are also going to be continuing to learn new songs and singing for 15 minutes every day!</i></p> <p><i>Already a huge thank you, it is only the beginning of term and the amount of children reading and completing homework at home has been amazing! It really is appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>Miss Beare and Miss Henman. -Y2</i></p>

<b>Ambition</b>	<p><i>In Year 3 this half term, we are learning about warning tales (where the main character is told not to do something, but does it anyway!)</i></p> <p><i>In Maths we are learning about place value and we are becoming more fluent with times tables facts. Our Science for this half term is learning about magnetic forces and we have already enjoyed investigating how they work. Our core knowledge is Geography, where we are finding out about Western Europe, both the physical and human features and where each country is in relation to its neighbours.</i></p> <p><i>PE lessons are on Monday and Friday afternoons and homework is due to be handed in on Fridays</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Perks and Miss Beckly -Y3</i></p>
<b>Courage</b>	<p><i>Year 4 has had a fantastic start to our new term – we have been learning all about our skeletons and muscles and we’re developing our knowledge of Eastern and Mediterranean Europe. In Maths, we are looking at place value and are developing our knowledge of our multiplication tables. In English, we are looking at journey tales and have been learning lots of new things including subordinate clauses and superlatives. 4VO have begun swimming this half term and have been impressing Miss Osmond with their courage and ambition to improve their swimming. Miss Staunton and Miss Osmond have had an amazing few weeks and can’t wait to continue with all our learning together this year.</i></p> <p><i>Miss Osmond and Miss Staunton -Y4</i></p>
	<p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p><i>Welcome back Year 5. It is lovely seeing you looking smart in your uniforms and ready for learning. This term we will be focusing on finding out more about the country that we live in by exploring the different areas of the United Kingdom in our Geography sessions. In Science, we will be taking a closer look at how our bodies work and finding out about the heart and the lungs. In English, we will be writing a story about an Ice Forest before creating some discussion texts about Shakespeare. For Maths, we are turning our attention to place value, addition and subtraction whilst working on creating fluency with some of our maths skills. We will be taking part in Active Reading every day and will discuss and answer questions about extracts from books such as The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.</i></p> <p><i>Miss Appleby &amp; Mrs Miller -Y5</i></p> <p><u>Shakespeare Drama Club</u></p> <p><i>The drama club has started and we are delighted to be working with Warts and All Theatre Company again. We are busy rehearsing for our performance of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet which we will be performing at The Royal and Derngate Theatre on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The cast will be learning and performing a 30 minute version of the play written in the original Shakespearean English. This is an incredible opportunity for the children taking part as they get to perform on a professional stage and experience what professional actors experience. If you would like to support us, tickets are available directly from The Royal and Derngate. We are looking for old phones, camcorders and selfie sticks. If you have any of these things around your home and you wouldn’t mind us borrowing them, please let Miss Appleby know.</i></p>
	<p><i>Year 6 have been hard at work already this term getting ready for May by going into sets for reading, writing and mathematics. We look forward to working with you this year and hope that every child completes their homework to help improve their skills ready for SATS and secondary school. We are also studying Victorians and the Industrial Revolution in CKC and famous discoveries in science. Please let the Year 6 team know if you have any questions about homework and how you can help your child this year.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Healy and Mr Warren- Y6</i></p>

**Final message from the office:**

- School dinner price will now be £2.35 after half term
- Please make sure you regularly check your child’s hair for head lice.