



Curriculum Newsletter for ARP Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. Ms Betty, Mr Jacobs, Ms Toyin and Ms Nat are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is Thursday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Please remember to bring in trainers everyday for our daily mile.

Homework- will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school on time.

Our Topic for this half term is 'People who help us'. We look forward to planning a trip to the local fire station or police station this term.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.



Children will explore people in our community and how they help us. This includes everyone from family, friends, teachers, shop keepers and the emergency services. It will incorporate functional skills including initiating greetings with each other, making requests and by learning how each person can help and assist us.

In Numeracy pupils will continue to develop our number skills including place value, number-bonds, counting in multiples and recognition of money.

In Jewish Studies we will be focussing on the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah as well as recognising and orally practising how to say some daily prayers.

In Literacy we will be reading simple sentences from books linked to our topic. This term we will be reading 'This is me' by George Webstar as well as 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. We will also be learning words and sentences describing different professions, including Makaton signs.

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In Understanding the World, we will be doing activities about people who help us and about basic life skills for example asking for help, please and thank you, and who can help us do what. For Rosh Hashanah, we will be examining how apples and honey look, feel and taste. We will also be making mini chola rolls.

We will be continuing to expand and develop our communication skills including signs, communication boards, photos and objects including words for our community and the people that help us. We will be developing the ways we can communicate what we want.

In PE we will be playing ball games and learning and developing throwing, catching, rolling and kicking skills to play games. Pupils will also be developing their balance and coordination skills.

During Expressive Art and Design sessions we will be learning how to use our pencils and graphite to create our own drawings based on the artist **NNENA KALU**.

In Music, the children will be exploring untuned and tuned instruments and listening to music that represents happy and calm feelings.