

Arum Class Newsletter Term 6
June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year – we can't believe how fast the year has gone! As the term progresses, we will be preparing the children for visits to Bryony class, and the children will get to know their next teacher and teaching assistants. Some children find transitions tricky so be led by your child and reassure your child it will be a positive move. If you are at all worried about the process, please come and speak to either Laura or Suzanne about it and we will be happy to help.

Our research question for this half term is…" Where would be the best place for me and my family to go on holiday?"

This question will develop the children's knowledge of different types of holidays and places around the world. We will also be looking at old and new transport (if you have any models or any photographs of old types of transport, we would love to see them, so please send in asap.)

If you go away for the weekend or even on a day trip, please can you send us a postcard so we can find out about different places, in the United Kingdom as well as abroad. We will be asking you shortly to send in a holiday photo (it can be a day trip even to the park) so your child can talk and write about it so please look out for the message on the app and send in asap thanks.

We have changed our role-play area to a beach shop, but we could do with some more beach items to sell. If you have any spare 'beach related' objects like postcards, windmills, flags, flip flops, hats, goggles, sunglasses, shells, buckets/spades, bags, flippers, snorkels or other bits you might find for sale in a beach shop and you are happy to donate them please send them in. Many thanks for all the kind donations throughout the year, we really are truly grateful. The children have loved the additional resources in the role-play area and the puzzles we have received.

Our medium-term plans with further details of our expected learning outcomes can be found on the school website within the Curriculum area for Arum class.

Important dates for your diary this term:

Tuesday afternoons – Football coaching will be with Mr Phillips from 2.20-3pm

Mr Phillips used to play professional football, and we are lucky to have him coach our young children in school. As the children get changed for PE with Miss

Rossiter (on a Thursday morning still) we are going to ask that everyone comes to school in their PE kit every Tuesday, to save wasting valuable teaching time. We will make sure everyone comes home with their PE kit on Monday night, **please check with your child on collection that they have it especially if they go to nursery or after school club**. Please can you send your child to school on Tuesday wearing their PE kit. Please return the PE kit on Weds morning so it is in school ready for Miss Rossiter's PE lesson on Thursday morning, no need to wash it. No extra kit is required for football although trainers are better than daps if possible.

Summer Fayre – Friday 3rd July – 5.00pm onwards

Arum will have a class stall. It is a chocolate tombola so your child can come to school wearing mufti on Friday 3rd July and bring some chocolate for our class stall.

Picnic and story session with new intake - Friday 10th July 12-12.45pm

This year we are going to have a picnic in our garden to celebrate being in Arum! We are inviting the children who are starting in September and their parents/carers to come well. You may remember this wonderfully welcoming and inclusive event from last year.

Please can you provide food and drink for you and your child as there will be no hot dinners for Arum on this day. If you want to order a packed lunch from the kitchen, please see the office staff asap. We are inviting the children and parents/carers who will be starting Arum in September to join us. It will be a good opportunity to all be together and celebrate our year, hopefully you will be able to talk to any new parents and reassure them all will be fine!

We really hope as many parents/carers can join us as possible. Siblings are welcome but are your responsibility whilst at school. If you haven't already, please can you let us know if you can/can't attend by emailing the office, so we know how many to expect and so we can prepare your child if you are unable to come. Please note if you are unable to come your child will still need a packed lunch as we are all attending the picnic. Thanks for your support with this brilliant transition opportunity!

Weather – preparing for the hot weather in Term 6

Please can you ensure your child has a named hat in school as we hope to get some more sunny weather! Please apply suncream to your child before school. Unlike nursery we do not apply suncream to your child throughout the day, so it is essential your child has it applied before school. We are outside for a lot of our learning, thanks for your support with this. Also please remember to send in a bottle of fresh water everyday along with your child's snack.

Healthy Snacks - Thank you for providing healthy snacks.

The children really do enjoy snack time! Please can you ensure all grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in half as they are a choking hazard and we don't have the facilities or staff to cut them up. Many thanks for your support.

School Arrival Time - A gentle reminder school starts at 8.50am.

The children are involved in learning as soon as they come in and so it is hugely important for your child to be at school by 8.50am. The door will be shut after this time and so anyone coming in afterwards will have to go to the office.

Curriculum areas

Communication and Language –

We will be encouraging the children to develop their own narratives in their child-initiated play.
Your child will be recalling their home experiences over the half term break, in their shared voice book. The children love sharing the contents of these and answering questions. Please return it when you can. We are trying to encourage children to use the correct tenses as much as possible, please support us in this at home as well. Please encourage your child to speak in full sentences if they are answering a question or in general talk.
We are introducing and teaching new vocabulary each week through our quest and drawing club. Please ask your children to show you the actions and new words they are learning.
We also are teaching Makaton signs, learning a few each week. We have learnt quite a few so far. Your child may be teaching you if not ask them to show you, it's an amazing skill to learn, all the adults in Arum are learning alongside the children as well.

Literacy –

We will continue to develop the children's spelling through writing activities, and this will help your child gain more confidence in recording independently. Please encourage your child to have a go with spelling, listening to the sounds in words and using the tricky words we are learning.

The children are progressing well with their reading. We are aiming for confident, fluent readers which is made easier if the children know their tricky words as these can't be decoded. We hope you find the black phonic books useful, please keep practising phonics along with hearing your child read. Little and often is the key to success. Thanks for all your support with this, it really makes a difference!

Mathematical development –

This term we will be using developing maths ideas to solve problems; including doubling, odd and even and sharing. We are also focusing on repeated pattern and 2d/3d shapes as well as positioning and mapping. Please encourage your chid to practise subitising (recognising how many without counting up to 10) and recognising numerals to 10. As well as the composition of numbers to 5 and 10.

Understanding the World –

We will be expanding our knowledge of different places both in the United Kingdom and abroad, looking at similarities and differences to where we live. We will be looking at the Globe and maps as well as making our own simple maps.
We will be looking at old and new transport, again comparing then to now. If anyone ahs any pictures, photos or actual old trains, boats we could borrow for the children to look at we would be very appreciative of them.
The PTFA have kindly brought us some caterpillars and a butterfly tent so we will be observing to see what changes occur with those, a very exciting process. A big thank you to them for the exciting resource.

Physical development –

This term we will be continuing to develop our skills which enable us to play games involving skills of kicking. We will also be developing children's agility; being able to dodge and move in various speeds and direction without bumping! PE days are now on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are being delivered by Mr Phillips (football) and Miss Rossiter (Multiskills). The children will continue to learn how to handle tools and equipment safely, including using scissors, hole punch and stapler. The children will continue to develop their pencil control and developing their handwriting.

Creative development –

The children will be developing their exploration of colour, shape and texture through a variety of different media. Music and drama activities will include exploring sound and movement. We are continuing to create and act out our own stories, which the children are really enjoying. We are learning lots of new songs which hopefully you are hearing at home as well?

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We will find out about how our world was made and explore ways to care for our world, whilst developing an understanding of why this is important. We will continue to listen to stories from the Bible.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED) –

We will be continuing to explore our feelings and how to self-regulate, using zones of regulation. We continue as a whole class to use our Thrive approach in PSED. We are working on taking turns and sharing through playing games and saying kind words to each other.
We hope you have been impressed by your children's knowledge of signing. Everyone worked hard last term at learning the signs including different emotions.
We were impressed last term by how well the children were able to manage their own things. Please help your child to be as independent as possible in school by labelling everything with their name and encouraging them to be responsible for their things at home.
We will be talking about positive changes that will be happening in terms of moving to a new class. The children will meet and get to know the Year 1 adults and will be visiting Bryony class several times this term. Please be aware this can be quite daunting for some children so be guided by your child and let them tell you about their next step as already mentioned above.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your continued support during your child's time in Arum. We look forward to seeing your child grow as they move on up through the school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With very best wishes for this busy Summer term in Arum,

Suzanne and Laura