

### Cool Milk

All children up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday receive a free carton of milk at snack time through the Cool Milk scheme. A reminder that once your child reaches the age of 5, if you would like them to continue receiving milk, you will need to register and pay through the website. <https://www.coolmilk.com/>



### PE

All Reception classes have PE twice a week on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**.

All children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days and they will remain in them throughout the day. Please could long hair be tied back and earrings removed.



### Topic

Our topic for **Autumn 1** is **Dream Big**. We will be learning about superheroes, people who help us in our community and the Autumn season As we become more familiar with the children we will also begin to follow their own interests and incorporate these into our provision.

Our topic for **Autumn 2** will be

**I Am Special**. We will be learning about the different types of celebrations and the people who celebrate them, such as Halloween, Christmas and Diwali. We will also learn about the importance of family and friends and what they mean to us.



## to Reception

Welcome to Forest Lodge Academy! We are looking forward to this exciting year in our new classes! We already have lots planned for the year, but we would like to give you some additional information about Reception, the staff and what we will be covering this term. We look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions about your child's time at school, please do not hesitate to ask us. All members of the Reception staff will be available to talk to you in the classroom each morning, or again at the end of the school day.

#### Reception staff:

- Miss Andrews (Teacher)
- Mr Butler (Teacher)
- Miss Patel (Teacher)
- Miss White (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Lippitt (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Heightley-White (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Taylor (SEND Teaching assistant)

## Phonics and Reading



We follow the Little Wandle Phonics programme and we have started teaching daily phonics sessions with the children. We have also started to do reading sessions 3 times per week. Following these sessions, the children will take home the book they have been reading in class to continue practising at home to help build their confidence and fluency when reading independently.

Please can we ensure that each time you read with your child, you comment and sign in their reading diaries. We would like to see a minimum of 3 different times you have signed each week. It is important that the books are returned every day, even if your child's books are not scheduled to be changed. If any books are lost or damaged, there is a £5 charge.

Please feel free to come and talk to us about your child's reading at any time. You can really help by building their comprehension skills by asking questions about the book.

## Packed lunches

Forest Lodge is a healthy school and we encourage the children to choose a healthy lunch. We please ask you to refrain from sending in nuts due to allergies and fizzy drinks are also not allowed.



## Wellies and Mac's

Lots of your child's education in early years also takes place outdoors. In order for this to carry on throughout the winter please provide your child with a waterproof mac and wellington boots which you can keep at school.

Additionally, wellies and macs will be needed as we begin taking part in half termly Forest Fun sessions, exploring nature in all weathers.

## Events to look out for

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' evening
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in need
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas activity day
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity Performance
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Fayre

If you have questions before this date then please email your class teacher on [forestreception@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:forestreception@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk)

## Homework

We will soon begin setting homework tasks on Reading Eggs. Your child will have their log in details on their reading diaries which they will receive in a few weeks' time. Online tasks will be set on a **Friday** and you will have one week to complete them. Each Friday we will also be sending out a recap of the phonics sounds and words we have learnt that week so you can practice at home with your child.



## School Uniform

All children must come to school in appropriate school uniform, this must also include sensible black footwear. We would be grateful if all jumpers and cardigans could be named so that they can be returned to you easily if the children mislay them.