

### Keeping safe

The children will be encouraged to do lots of additional handwashing throughout the day. We will encourage them to sing 'Happy Birthday' whilst they are doing this. Please can we remind you that if your child has any COVID symptoms that you do not send them into school and if they display any symptoms in class we will call home. Please ensure that we have correct details for contact and that you are available on these numbers.



### PE Kit

All classes have PE twice a week

RRH - Tuesday & Thursday

RSS - Monday & Thursday

RVP - Thursday - & Friday.

All children need to come to school in their PE kit on their classes allocated PE days as they will be taking part in lots of active sessions



### Reading Books



Children will be taking a book home and this will be kept for the week. This will give the opportunity for your child to become really familiar with the story and help to develop their comprehension skills. These books will be given out on a Monday and need to be returned every Friday. This is so that they can be cleaned.

The children will stay on their book band level until the class teacher, or nursery nurse has checked that they are really ready to go up.

**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.**



## 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:**

- Mrs Hubbard (Teacher)
- Miss Parker (Teacher)
- Mrs Sterland (Teacher)
- Miss Darlow (Teacher)
- Miss Hewitt (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Sterland (Teaching assistant)
- Mrs Walker (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Tailor (Teaching assistant)
- Mrs Snow (Teaching assistant)

## Topic

Our topic for **Autumn 1** is 'People who help us'. We will be dressing up as different people that help us such as Police officers, Nurses, doctors and many more. They will be exploring the different roles people have in our community and how they help us every day.

Our topic for **Autumn 2** will be 'Celebrations'. We will be finding out about all the different types of celebrations and the people who celebrate them such as Halloween, Christmas and Diwali.

## Events to look out for

We will be supporting parents on reading and phonics later this term. If you have questions before this date then please email your class teacher on [forestreception@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:forestreception@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk)

## Packed lunches

Forest Lodge is a healthy school. We encourage our child to choose a healthy lunch. The advice we give to parents is that children can only bring in bottles of water to school, and that no fizzy drinks, or juice will be allowed. Children also need to bring in a healthy snack daily in a sealed bag or container with their name on.



## School Uniform

All children must come to school in appropriate school uniform, this must also include sensible black footwear. ☺

We would be grateful if clothing could be named as children sometimes mislay their belongings and we need to make sure that they get them back.

## Homework

If your child is not ready to do writing, or drawing yet, and is reluctant to have a go at homework, there are lots of practical activities on the homework list to do. We would love to see what they come up with!



## Wellies and Mac's

As you are probably aware much of your child's education in the Reception takes place outdoors. In order for this to carry on throughout the winter please can you provide your child with a waterproof mac, hat and wellington boots to keep at school.

Please could you make sure that they are clearly labelled.