

Dates to remember



- **Monday 16th January** – School nurse in to monitor height and weight.
- **Tuesday 17th January** – Coffee morning for children with SEND.
- **Thursday 19th January** – Census day menu – all children will be encouraged to try a hot dinner.
- **Wednesday 15th February** – Reports go out.
- **Friday 17th February** – Last day before the half term.
- **Monday 27th February** – Return to school.

PE

All Reception classes have PE twice a week.

RRH – Tuesday and Friday

RVW – Tuesday and Friday

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



Reading

The children will continue to take home a 'Set Book' each week which will be changed on a Thursday and returned on a Monday if their reading diary has been signed. It is really important that you child practices their 'Set Book' regularly to help them to build and retain the skill of segmenting and then blending the sound back together.

If you want to dive into anymore reading books, you can access some great free books on these websites:

- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- <https://www.getepic.com/>

We have also included the Little Wandle website for you to look at which may help with how to pronounce the phonemes.

- <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Forest Lodge Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

2023 Spring Term Reception Newsletter

We all had a fantastic term last term in Reception and we are so proud of how much progress you have made already this school year. We are really looking forward to another brilliant term full of lots of learning and fun.

As always, 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 on the playground each morning, or again at the end of the school day.

Reception staff:

- Mrs Hubbard (Teacher)
- Mrs Wilkinson (Teacher)
- Mr Butler (Teacher)
- Mrs Walker (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Hewitt (Teaching assistant)
- Mrs Whittaker (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Taylor (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Coe (Teaching assistant)

Topic

Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Up up away'.

We will be learning all about objects that go into the air and space.



Our topic for Spring 2 will be 'Underground Overground'. We will be learning about objects that go under the ground and over the ground such as mini beasts, plants, transport and tunnels.



Events to look out for

We will be having a phonics parent event where we will be inviting you in to join us for one of our phonics lessons. Date to follow.

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, food, nuts or juice will be allowed.



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



We will be continuing to set homework tasks to complete each week on Reading Eggs. This term we will also begin setting tasks on Mathletics. New tasks will be set on a Friday and you will have until the following Friday to complete them. Keep working hard on these to earn a certificate.

Please let your teacher know if you need your log in details.

Wellies and Macs

In addition to lots of your child's learning taking place outdoors, the children have also been enjoying weekly forest fun sessions. In order for these to carry on throughout the winter and gain the most from them, 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.