

Back to School Key Information

Welcome back, we are really looking forward to working with your child this year. Please be assured we will work hard to make your child feel secure and supported. To help them please make sure you arrive at school on time each day between **8.40am** and **8.50am** and pick them up at **3.10pm** from the classroom doors.

- Please provide your child with a named water bottle.
- Should you need to contact us please our Year 2 email address (Forestyear2@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk) or speak to us each day at the door.
- Children are expected to wear school uniform, sensible black shoes and as the weather changes we suggest a warm coat.

English



During the Autumn Term we will be focusing on a number of different fiction and non-fiction texts all around our termly themes '**Amazing Nature**' and '**Location, Location, Location.**'

Handwriting and presentation are a big focus during Year 2 English lessons and children will be carrying out handwriting practice daily.

We will also be working with the children on reading comprehension and promoting enjoyment of reading. Please make sure they are read with at least 3x a week and their reading diaries are signed.

In writing we will be exploring lots of different writing formats including descriptive writing, recounts, reports and instructions.

Year 2

Autumn Term 2023

At Forest Lodge Academy

Welcome to the new academic year. We are very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead with all Year 2 children. We are very proud of how they have settled in so far.

If you have any questions about your child's time at school over the next term please feel free to speak to Mr Jagatia, Mrs Barnicoat, Miss Andrews or any other member of staff who will be available at the classroom doors each day.



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Year 2 staff

- Miss Andrews (2AA)
- Mrs Barnicoat (2CG)
- Mr Jagatia (2VJ)
- Mrs Partington
- Mrs Lippitt
- Mrs Scott-Collins
- Mrs Kennedy



As always we are happy to talk to you about any issues or concerns you might have at the end of each day.

Mathematics



Throughout the Autumn Term Year 2 children will learn about a variety of areas in mathematics. The focus for this half term are:

- Number
- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction

It is important that the children understand that maths is all around us and we use it every day. Great opportunities for discussions at home are in shops, telling the time, reading numbers, weighing and many more!

Each week the children will do an arithmetic lesson as part of their maths curriculum. This supports the children when answering the questions they will see when they take any form of assessments.

Reading

We believe that reading is a vital skill for children and that it is important that children read at home regularly. We expect all children in Year 2 to be reading at least 3 x a week. Please sign your child's home school reading diary as this will be checked each day and children rewarded for reading at home which we monitor. In addition, we will read with your child each week at school both 1 to 1 and in a guided reading group. We will change reading books on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, each week.**

This term our focus is on building children's understanding of what they are reading (comprehension), so we would appreciate your help with this. When reading with your child ask them questions about what they have read.

Some ideas are:

- **Who is the author/illustrator?**
- **What was the story about?**
- **Who were the main characters?**
- **What happened at the end of the story?**
- **Was the text fiction or non-fiction?**
- **If it was non-fiction can you show me how you use an index page/content page or glossary?**
- **What happened on page 7?**
- **What was your favourite part of the text/story?**
- **Any other general questions relating to the text.**
- **Stopping and asking what they have read so far and making predictions about what will happen next.**



Homework

We will be monitoring Reading Eggs, Sumdog and Times Tables Rockstar homework. Children have access to all these platforms to explore and improve their learning (log in's for all platforms are in the back of their reading diaries). Children are expected to read at home at least **3 times a week** and will be rewarded for doing so. Reading books will be changed twice a week and children are expected to bring their books and reading diaries every day so we can record when they have read with an adult in school.

HOMWORK

Forthcoming School Trips

We are very excited about being able to hold school trips. This term we will be doing a surprise Winter experience. More details will be coming soon.



PE

Please come to school in your PE kit as children will still not be getting changed in school. Please ensure it is suitable for outdoor PE sessions and to wear all day (trainers, white t-shirt, black tracksuit trousers or leggings a jumper or tracksuit top).

The PE lesson times are as follows:
2AA, 2CB & 2VJ are on
Tuesdays and **Wednesdays**.



Spellings and Times Tables

After half term, your child will be provided with spellings to learn at home each week and will be tested every week. These spellings relate to learning in phonics, Year 2 words and in English.

We will continue to use Spelling Shed which has our Year 2 Common Exception Words to practice. These are a set of words which should be spelled correctly in children's writing.

We would also appreciate your help with the learning of spelling using the sheet given and the Look, Cover, Write, Check method.

Each week the children will be tested on their Year 2 times tables (2x, 5x and 10x). If you could help them to learn these it would greatly support their maths work. We will begin with the 10 x table then work on the 5x and 2x tables during this term. Using Times Table Rock Star is a great way to practice at home.

SPELLING