

## 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 **Thursday**.

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.



## Phonics and Reading



This week we have begun teaching daily phonics sessions with the children. We follow the Little Wandle Phonics programme and in a few weeks' time, we will begin small group reading sessions 3 times per week with the children.

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. It is important that the books are returned to school each week on a **Monday**. 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.



## 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)
- Mr Butler (Teacher)
- Mrs Wilkinson (Teacher)
- Miss Hewitt (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Lippitt (Teaching assistant)
- Miss White (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Coe (Teaching assistant)

## Topic

Our topic for **Autumn 1** is **Once Upon a Time**. We will be learning about lots of different fairytales such as The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and The Princess and the Pea. As we become more familiar with the children, we will also begin to follow their interests and steer our learning around their favourite stories and fairytales. They might even like to bring in their favourite story to share with the class.



Our topic for **Autumn 2** will be **Earth and Beyond**. We will be finding out all about where we live and the local area before zooming off to learn about different countries around the world and venturing into space. We will also be learning about the different types of



celebrations and the people who celebrate them, such as Halloween, Christmas and Diwali.

## Events to look out for

Phonics/Reading parent meeting - date TBC

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Parents' evening

8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas activity day

12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nativity Performance

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 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.



## 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 clothing could be named so that they can be returned to you easily if the children mislay them.

## 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 **Thursday** 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.



## 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 can you provide your child with a waterproof mac and wellington boots to 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.