

### Reception Baseline

During the next few weeks we will be completing the Reception baseline assessment with the children. This is a legal requirement that we have to do.

There is nothing at all to worry about as the children will work with their teacher or teaching assistant within their classroom environment.

If you have any queries regarding this then please speak with your class teacher.

### PE Kit

All classes have PE twice a week

RRH – Tuesday & Friday

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RVW - Tuesday & 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 2 books home soon as the Little Wandle Phonics programme progresses. One book will be a read together book which is for you to read with your child. The other book your child will take home will have been read several times in class. So the children will have more confidence in reading this independently. This will be in several weeks' time.

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 back to school each week. 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)
- Mrs Walker (Teaching assistant)
- Mrs Whittaker (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Taylor (Teaching assistant)



### Topic

Our topic for **Autumn 1** is **Dream Big**. We will be learning about a variety of people who help us and as we become more familiar with the children we will begin to follow their interests.

Our topic for **Autumn 2** will be **'I am Special'**. We will be finding out all about ourselves and how we are special. We will also be learning about the different types of celebrations and the people who celebrate them, such as Halloween, Christmas and Diwali.

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

This term homework will be set on Reading eggs. Your child will have their log in details on their reading diaries which they will receive in several weeks' time. Work will be set on a Friday and be returned back on the following Thursday. This is all online. Each Friday we will be sending out a recap of the phonics sounds and words, so that you can practice at home with your child.



### Events to look out for

We will be supporting parents on reading and phonics later this term. This will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 4:30pm in the small hall. If you have questions before this date then please email your class teacher on [forestreception@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:forestreception@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk)

### 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. We will be taking part in weekly Forest school sessions exploring nature in all weathers.*