

## 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](mailto: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. We also suggest your write your child's name in their jumpers and coats so lost property can be returned to them quickly.

## 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. Please ensure your child brings their diary to school every day.

In writing, we will be exploring lots of different writing formats including stories, fact files and instructions.

## Year 2 Autumn Term 2024 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 a member of staff who will be available at the classroom doors each day.

## Year 2 staff

- Mr Jagatia (2VJ)
- Miss Martin (2RM)
- Mr Mandaliya (2VM)
- Mrs Scott-Collins
- Mrs Kennedy
- Ms Partington
- Miss Briers
- Miss Watson
- Miss Shah

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 topics 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 your child's reading book when they have completed it.

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.**

