

Staff

The staff working in Forest Class are:

❖ Mrs Rowland

(Class Teacher - Mon/Tues/Wed)

❖ Mrs Smith

(Class Teacher - Thurs/Fri)

❖ Mrs Cornwell / Mrs Gardiner

(Teaching Assistants)

❖ Mrs Dunsby

(PPA Cover - every other Weds am)

PE

P.E days are **Monday and Thursday**.

Please make sure your child has a full

PE kit (white T-shirt, white shorts, socks, trainers, hair tie for long hair, jogging bottoms and a jumper for the cold weather) in school every day and that it is all clearly labelled.

Library

Our visit to the school library will be every other **Wednesday**. There are also other set opportunities in the week during lunchtimes, when the library will be open for children to change their library books. Please make sure that they are kept in book bags to avoid losing them.

Welcome to Forest Class

Some important information for you....

Reading Homework

We want children to develop or continue a love of reading. As part of their homework, your child should read at home every day. We cannot stress how important this is, no matter what their reading ability. Put time aside every day to share and talk about books together. Enjoy discussing the books you read, commenting on characters, setting and structure. Encourage the children to read to the punctuation and to read with expression. Evidence shows that children who regularly share books with adults at home develop more fluency in reading, better comprehension skills and more enjoyment from texts. This not only improves reading confidence and skills for later life but leads to greater achievement in writing.

We are always keen for parent volunteers to come and listen to children read in school. If you feel that you could give up some of your time to help out, this would be greatly appreciated.

Homework

In addition to reading daily, children are expected to complete the following:

- 3 reading response entries per week in their reading diary (see information about the Reading Raffle in purple diaries).
- Weekly revision/learning of times tables & division facts (see stars in homework books for the times tables journey).
- Weekly spellings that will be assessed in class and sent home (in the back of their homework books) for you to see your child's progress.
- Each half term the children should complete two activities from the current homework topic grid (located in their homework book).

Weekly homework will be set on a **Friday** and homework books should be returned by the following **Thursday**. Children will be assessed on their times tables/division facts on a **Tuesday** and their spellings on a **Thursday**. If there is no written evidence for the spelling homework, please initial that it has

Topics

Our topic for the first half of the Autumn term is 'What the Romans did for us'. We also like to keep some topics a surprise....so watch this space for up and coming topics!

What Is Needed Every Day

- * Book bag and Reading Diary
- * PE Kit
- * Water bottle
- * Fruit/Vegetable Snack for break time
- * Wellies (these can be left at school)
- * Weather appropriate clothing

Please make sure everything is named.

Water/Fruit

Learning is such thirsty work! Water bottles are kept in the classroom so children can access their drink at any time during the day. Children may bring in a fruit or vegetable snack from home for break time.



Any queries, questions or concerns, please come and speak to one of us at any time.