

Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Willow Class Nursery at Forest Academy ☺

We hope you had a great summer. We are all very excited to be welcoming your child to Willow Class and about the fun we are going to have this term.

Initially, we will spend time ensuring your child feels settled and is beginning to recognise the nursery routines, getting to know their teachers and allowing the children time to explore and get to know their new environment and each other.

To support this settling process please could we ask for a named family photo to be sent in with your child next week. This will be going on display for the first half term and will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to tell us all about their family.

Once we feel the children have started to settle we will kick start our first topic for this term "Colours, Colours, Everywhere" by reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' by Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle. We will use this story to promote lots of speaking and listening opportunities, including; drawing story maps, adding actions to help recall and re-tell the story, drawing our favourite animal from the story and discussing the different colours in the book and in our environment. We will also be encouraging the children to make a handprint of their favourite colour, so we can see which colour is the class favourite. We will complete the skittles experiment with the children and discuss what has happened. We will also, mix colours and explore colour in our environment each day, through playdough, shaving foam and water to mention a few.

We will be creating our key worker display, so the children will get to select and decorate their own star to add to the display.

Reading

You should have recently received a reading bookmark from us. We hope this will be useful and support you when reading at home with your child. If you have any questions about reading please do not hesitate to ask us.

All children will have the opportunity to select a book from our book corner and take home with them. All we do is ask that you help your child at the beginning of the session to select a book and that you record this in our reading folder.

Snack time

Your child will have access to milk or water and a snack daily which varies, but will be fruit or vegetables.

Forest Bear

The children will get the opportunity to take home Forest Bear during the term and let us know what adventures he gets up to.

Dates for your diary

Cultural Day – **Wednesday 3rd October**

End of Term – The Nursery will finish on **Friday 19th October** and will return on **Tuesday 30th October**.

We very much look forward to working with you all.

Mrs Marsh and Miss Huff

