



Forest Academy Early Years

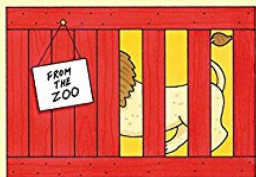
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Willow Class Newsletter

Autumn

Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



This half term our topic is 'Our World' and as part of this topic our focus will be looking at the world around us and the features of this. We will use the books 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. Through these stories we will focus on

looking after animals, including pets. The children will be able to become vets

in our very own vet roleplay area. We will look closely at features of our own environment and what these are like.

Forest Fridays

We will be starting our Forest school sessions on Friday the 1st November and these will run every Friday this half term. Children need to wear trousers, long sleeve tops, welly boots and coats. As it gets colder, hats and gloves may also be needed. Children can come to nursery in the clothes that they will be wearing but a change of shoes should be brought with them for after the session.

Pets

We would like to invite children to bring in a photo of their pets to nursery to show to the rest of the class. These pictures will then be put together in a class pet book as part of our topic. This allows children the opportunity to talk about their pets to the rest of the class and share with their friend.

Junk Modelling

We are planning to make some pet homes using junk modelling. If you have any clean dry junk modelling resources please could you bring these in. We especially would like cereal and other cardboard boxes.

Stay and Play

We will be holding our first 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday 7th November. You are invited to stay with your child and complete a short activity alongside them. You can also join in with your child exploring the nursery activities. The morning session will run 8.40 – 10.00am and the afternoon session will run 12.20 – 1.40pm.

Clothing

It is important as the colder weather approaches that children have clothing in school suitable for outdoor play. Every child needs a coat in school each day and as it gets colder they can also bring in

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a hat and gloves. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named. Children also need to have a change of clothes that they can leave on their peg just in case they need changing.

Voluntary contribution

Thank you to everyone who made a donation last half term. The children were able to enjoy making colourful cakes, explore playdough and colour mixing using resources paid for from your donations. This term we are going to explore the different textures of messy play resources. You can make a £3.00 contribution by bank transfer using the details below:

- Account name: Forest Academy
- Account number: 25237060
- Sort code: 30 98 58
- Lloyds Bank
- Nursery Donation

Or you could donate; salt, plain flour, coco powder, corn flour, shaving foam, hair conditioner or baby oil, which will all be used in activities this half term. Thank you for your support.

School places

The online admissions is open for making an application for a school place for Reception 2020. Being in nursery does not automatically mean you will be given a school place. It is important that an application is made as late applications are considered separately and you are less likely to get your first choice preference. Applications close on the 15th January 2020. If you are unsure how to apply please speak to a member of the team.



Tapestry

Tapestry is an important part of nursery and gives you an insight into the learning your child is doing and the activities that they complete. We will also inform you of what next steps we will be working on with your child, therefore it is important that you have access to your child's learning journey. If you have any problems please speak to a member of the team and we will try and resolve them for you.

Dates for your diary

We try and keep you as up-to-date as possible with nursery and school events. A lot of these are advertised on the Forest Academy Facebook page. By liking our page you also get to see all the activities that happen throughout the school.

- Friday 1st November – Amba Keeble Drop-in sessions 1-3pm. A great opportunity to discuss any difficulties or concerns you have with your child's behaviour.
- w/c Monday 4th November – Parliament week. Children will take part in voting activities this week.
- Thursday 7th November - Stay and Play am - 8.40-10.00am, pm – 12.20-1.40pm.
- Friday 29th November – non-uniform day: please donate £1 or an item to be used as a prize for the Christmas Fayre
- Friday 6th December – School Christmas Fayre 3.15pm
- Tuesday 10th December – Christmas performance – 9.15 am nursery – 2.15 pm nursery
- Monday 16th December – Christmas party
- Wednesday 18th December – Last day of term for Nursery

Willow Class team

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