

Forest Hall Primary School

Autumn 2 2024 Half Term Information Sheet

Dear **Key Stage 1 Larch** Parents,

This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

Theme: Where do we live and what is it the weather like?

The children will learn about our local area. They will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom, as well as labelling simple aerial view of Forest Hall. They will learn about the human and physical geographical features of our local area and they will be able to name and locate our nearest city.

Cross curricular links:

Geography: Children will learn about the locality of Forest Hall in relation to Newcastle upon Tyne and they will be able to identify the key geographical features of our nearest city. They will also carry out fieldwork in our local area to help them to identify the key human and physical geographical features.

Science: Seasons

Children will observe changes across the four seasons (with a focus on autumn to winter this half term), and they will observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. Children will learn which seasons occur in each month, as well as learning how long each season typically lasts.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

English: Children will continue to develop their reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and sentence formation. In Year 2, they will base their work on *The Night Gardener* and will begin to use apostrophes correctly, as well as using description to make their writing more exciting. They will also begin to use inference skills in their reading. Children in Year 1 will base their work on the story of Beegu and they will learning how to use description and writing in different styles.

PSHE (Taught by Mrs Ridley): Children will finish off their 'What is the Same and What is Different about us?' topic this half term, with a lesson focusing on the parts of their body, including the words that a doctor would use to name their body parts. Their topic this half term will be *Who is Special to us?*

Music (Taught by Mrs Ridley): Charanga: Dance, Sing and Play and Playing in an Orchestra. Children will listen to and appraise different styles of music. They will use instruments to accompany the songs they learn.

RE (Taught by Mrs Ridley): What can we learn about the story of St Cuthbert? This term, children will learn about the life St Cuthbert and his influence in the North East. How and why is light important at Christmas? Children will learn about how Christians believe that Jesus is the Light of the World.

PE: Fitness (Newcastle United Foundation) and Yoga.

Computing: Exploring digital sound. Children will be introduced to digital sound and they will experiment with simple beats, tempo and composition with various tools.

Maths: Children will continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills and they will begin to look at the properties of shape (2D and 3D).

Art: Children will be exploring mark making and line drawing techniques and they will use a range of materials to create different types of lines. They will experiment with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces.

How can you help?

Share your child's school reading book with them. There are discussion points on the inside cover to help you with this. This is best done often and in short bursts. Practise mental maths, discuss time and measure with real examples (including money). Practice times tables and division facts, missing number problems and counting forwards and backwards to 100, in 2s, 5s and 10s. Practise spellings (including Year 2 common exception words). Encourage your child to tell you what they have been learning about at school and where possible, extend their learning at home, through books, outings, discussions and the internet.

Class Reminders:

PE: Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure PE kits are in school on all school days to ensure it is available for any extra PE sessions. Children must always have sandshoes. **Please make sure kits and uniform are labelled.**

Spellings: These will be given on **Tuesday** to be tested the following **Monday**.

Library: Children will visit the library on **Fridays**. Library books should be returned on this day. Books cannot be taken out without returning the previous loan. If your child misses their library day, there may not be an opportunity to change their book until the following timetabled session.

Key Stage One Objectives for this term

- To correctly form letters and numbers.
- To be able to sit and show good listening skills.