

# Forest Hall Primary School

## Autumn 2 2024 Half Term Information Sheet

Dear **Y5 Willow** Parents and Carers,

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: Who were the Shang dynasty?

#### Cross curricular links

**History:** Develop chronological understanding with a human timeline, study Shang kings, explore clever inventions from the era, identify changes in writing and printing over time, find out about the beliefs of the Shang dynasty such as burial rituals and oracle bones, learn about Ancient Chinese festivals, study Shang wars and warriors, examine Chinese artefacts and research archaeological discoveries.

**Geography:** Learn about the physical geography of China, mountain ranges, rivers and capital city.

**Art and Design:** Create Ancient Chinese scroll paintings, improve painting techniques.

#### Subjects being taught separately this half term:

**English:** Using inference skills in reading to understand characters. Writing a quest story, creating an opening to hook the reader and developing characters. Key text: 'Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood. Spellings: silent letters; suffixes. Continuing to develop accurate use of grammar and spelling

**Science:** 'Space' taught by Mrs Gibson, moon phases, order and features of planets and day night.

**PE:** Tuesday: Football NUFC, Friday: Yoga

**Maths:** developing a range of mental strategies and written methods for addition and subtraction; apply understanding to solve a range of problems; factors and multiples.

**Music:** Developing ensemble skills- learning to sing and play together, taught by Mrs Ridley.

**PSHE:** What decisions can people make with money? How to manage money, saving and budgets.

**RE:** Christianity and the importance of the bible and the significance of its messages in today's world.

**French:** Daily routines, and sharing opinions of classroom subjects, taught by Mrs Gibson.

**Computing:** Retro games- making Ping Pong, Snake and Space Invaders games.

**DT:** Making electrical circuits- creating cards that light up.

#### How can you help?

Please support your child with their reading homework as it will help them to make progress in every area of the curriculum. Encourage your child to learn their spellings little and often as this is the most effective method.

#### Class Reminders:

**Class assembly: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 9.00am**

Your child needs their **reading** book in school every day. In addition, your child needs to read for about 15 minutes at least five times a week at home.

**PE: Tuesday and Friday, white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers for both lessons. Please do not wear tights on PE days or bring a spare pair of socks in your PE bag if wearing tights.**

**Tracksuits can be brought in for colder weather but shorts and t-shirts to be brought for EVERY lesson in case the outdoor lesson moves indoors in bad weather.**

**Maths** Sessions will be set every Thursday on Times Tables Rock Stars to be completed when set. Children should be able to recall all multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Please encourage your child to secure these facts by practising at home.

**Telling the time:** Children should be able to tell the time from a clock face and a digital clock. Please support your child by practising at home and using BBCBitesize, Topmarks or other apps.

**Spellings:** To be given out and tested on Friday.

#### Key Stage 2 Phase Objectives for this term

- To have all equipment needed on the correct days
- To read for pleasure as often as possible