



Forest Hall Primary School

Autumn 1 2024 Half Term Information Sheet



Dear Reception Elm 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 Am I?

We are talking all about ourselves this half term, including our families, our interests and homes. We will also be observing the changes in seasons and discussing Harvest and Autumn. The class will get the chance to go to the ICT suite and practise logging on with support and navigating around the computer system.

Cross curricular links:

Understanding the world: We will be naming and labelling the different parts of our bodies. We will look at the 5 senses and the body parts they are linked to. We will also take the time to look at how the natural world around us is changing as we move into Autumn.

PSED: We will be taking the time to settle into school and our new classroom. There will be lots of new routines for us to get used to. Together we will decide on our class rules, agree to follow them and place them in a visible place in the classroom. We will be working on making friends, playing cooperatively and expressing our feelings appropriately. We will also be thinking about what it is that makes a family and discussing the people who are important to us.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Literacy: We will be beginning our Read, Write, Inc. Phonics sessions in the next couple of weeks in which we will be learning new sounds and thinking of words that begin with that sound. We will also be practising our letter formation and name writing skills.

Maths: We will be comparing different amounts of objects and numbers by using the words 'more than', 'fewer than' and the 'same as'. We will use 2D shapes to make pictures and continue to practise our counting skills.

Computing: This is taught by Mrs Ridley, Early Years and Art Lead. The children will go to the ICT suite and practise logging on with support. They will also use and explore the drawing program 2simple.

Physical Development/PE: We are developing our fine motor skills by improving our pencil grip and letter formation. In P.E. sessions we are working on getting changed independently, spatial awareness and travelling using different parts of our body.

Music: This is taught by Mrs Ridley. The children will use the music programme 'Charanga' to complete the unit named 'Me!' The children will explore beat and rhythm.

Art: This is taught by Mrs Ridley. The children will be focussing upon developing their drawing skills this half term. They will also enjoy some Autumnal themed art activities.

Class Novel or author focus: 'Once There Were Giants' by Martin Waddell & 'Stone Soup' by Tony Bonning.

How can you help?

Talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and where possible, extend their learning at home, through books, outings, discussions and the internet.

Please check your child's book bag frequently for newsletters and other information.

Could you please send a picture of your child as a baby into school. We will use these to discuss how they have grown and changed. It will be returned to you at the end of the half term. Thank you.

Class Reminders:

PE: **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children should have their PE kits (white T-shirt, blue shorts, black sandshoes/trainers) in school every day.

Library book: **Monday**. This is to be returned to school on a Monday. If your child does not return their book on a Monday they will have to wait until the following Monday to change it.

Reading Books: There will be a 'Reading Meeting' later on in the Autumn term for you to attend to gain more information regarding how you can support your child at home with their reading.