



# Forest Hall Primary School

## Autumn 1 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 would you like to explore?**

The children will learn about different explorers, such as Neil Armstrong and Matthew Henson and they will compare different explorers, as well as learning why certain people are considered significant.

### **Cross curricular links:**

#### **Science: Uses of Everyday Materials**

Children will identify and name a variety of materials and they will group these materials according to their properties. Children will be able to distinguish between an object and what it is made of and they will be able to explain why certain materials are suitable for certain purposes.

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

**English:** Children will continue to develop their reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and sentence formation. Children in Year 1 will be focusing on sentence construction and children in Year 2 will learn how to use descriptive language to develop their writing.

**PSHE (Taught by Mrs Ridley):** What is the same and different about us? The children will gain a good understanding of the fact that we are all unique and special in different ways.

**Music (Taught by Mrs Ridley):** Charanga: My Musical Heartbeat. The children will learn to follow the beat and rhythm of a piece of music and they will learn how to use their voices to perform a song.

**RE (Taught by Mrs Ridley):** The children will exploring the main beliefs and religious practices of followers of Christianity.

**PE:** Fundamental movement skills (Newcastle United Foundation coach) and dance.

**Computing:** Keeping Safe and Exploring Technology. Children will learn how to stay safe online and why this is important and they will understand the importance of taking breaks from screen time

**Maths:** Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be studying place value and developing their addition and subtraction skills.

**DT:** Wheels and axles. The children will design and make their own moving space vehicle using junk modelling.

### **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 1 and 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 in their library bag. 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.
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- To be able to sit and show good listening skills.