



Forest Hall Primary School

Autumn 1 2024 Half Term Information Sheet



Dear Y4 Sycamore 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: Why is Brazil so important?

Cross curricular links:

Geography: we will be learning about climate zones and Brazil. We will study the location of Brazil, its climate and look at some cities including Manaus. We will look at where the earth's rainforests are, what the rainforests are like, what plants and animals live there and how they need to be protected. We will study maps, looking particularly at the importance of scale and change over time.

DT: we will look at traditional Brazilian food and dishes. We will then prepare and evaluate our own Brazilian dish. We will learn about seasonality and why it is particularly important to protecting the Earth.

English: using 'The Great Kapok Tree' as a stimulus, we will read and write stories with an important (ecological) message. We will also look at effective and interesting diary writing as well as continuing to develop accurate spelling, punctuation and reading fluency.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: Our units this term are 'Place Value' (including partitioning numbers, using number lines, counting in 1, 10, 100 and 1000) and 'Addition and Subtraction'

Science: Animals including humans (The digestive system, different types of teeth and their functions, constructing and interpreting food chains). Taught by Mrs Gibson, science lead.

PSHE: We will be asking 'What strengths, skills and interests do we have?' We will understand what makes us happy and what our interests are, understanding how we are influenced by those around us. We will also look at resilience and inclusion; learning the importance of a multicultural society.

RE: Christianity – we will be exploring the question '*What do we know about the Bible and why is it important to Christians?*

PE: NUFC Foundation and gymnastics

Music: We will be exploring the question '*How does music bring us together?*' and will learn about Hip-hop and Soul music and creating music on the glockenspiel.

French: Numbers to 30. Asking and answering questions about family members.

Computing: We will be understanding why a strong password is important, understanding how people perceive us by what we post online, how to respond to negativity online and understanding how photos and videos can be altered online and appreciating the reasons for these alterations.

Class novel: 'The Good Bear' by Sarah Lean

How can you help?

Please ensure that the children are **fluent** when using the 2, 4, 8 times tables as we will be learning all tables to 12x12 this year. 'Timestable Rockstars' needs to be used weekly at home to help (as part of homework) – please encourage your child to use it as often as possible. It is important that your child reads their school reading book and a variety of texts on a regular basis, promoting a **love of reading**. Spelling is also very important. Please help your child to learn their weekly spellings. Thank you for your support.

Class Reminders:

PE: Monday and Tuesday

Reading books and reading records are to be brought into school **every day please**.

Tables tests: Friday - please ensure your child learns their tables for these tests.

Spelling Tests: Monday - new spellings will be sent home each Monday, to be tested the following Monday

Key Stage 2 Phase Objectives for this term

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