

Forest Hall Primary School

Autumn 1 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: Why do coastlines keep changing?

Cross curricular links:

Geography: Exploring the features of our coastline and the impact of erosion. Looking at how waves shape coastal environments and the impact of human activity on coastal environments.

History: History surrounding our coastal area, researching the lives of people connected to our coastline

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

English: Text types: Tale of Suspense; Non Chronological Report. Reading skills (retrieval and inference); summarising; organising paragraphs; word classes; spelling (prefixes; silent letters) and continuing to develop reading comprehension skills.

Maths: Number and place value; securing number facts; mental and formal strategies for addition and subtraction; fluency with times tables

Science: Properties and changes of materials - properties of materials; making solutions and recovering the substances by filtering, sieving and evaporating; reversible and irreversible changes; how new materials are formed. Taught by Mrs Gibson, science lead.

Computing: Digital literacy and online safety- learning about our online identity and digital footprint.

PSHE: 'What makes up our identity?' Learning how to keep safe and what is appropriate to share in person and online.

Art: Drawing skills. We will look at the effect of images and how popular culture can influence art and design while developing sketching techniques. Taught by Mrs Ridley, art lead.

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

PE: Hockey Newcastle United Foundation coach (Tuesday) and Fitness (Friday)

Music: Melody and harmony in music. 'Ghost Parade' As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other similar songs.

French: Numbers to 60. Revision of time and verbs for daily routines. Introduce vocabulary for school subjects. Taught by Mrs Gibson.

Class Novel: 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce

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:

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 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 Homework will be set every Friday to be completed by the following Friday. This may be on Times Tables Rock Stars. 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: Spellings to be given out and tested on Friday.

Key Stage Objectives for this term

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