



Forest Hall Primary School

Spring 2 Half Term Information Sheet



Dear **Reception Elm** 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: How does it grow and change?

Understanding the World: We will be focusing on how humans, animals and plants grow and change. We will be planting our own flowers, plants and vegetables and explore what they need to survive. We will also spend some time thinking about the season of Spring and looking for signs of Spring in the Wildlife Garden.

Cross curricular links:

Literacy: We are continuing with our Read, Write Inc Phonics sessions. We will be working on writing various 3 and 4 letter words (including those with 'special friends') as well as reading them. We are continuing to work on forming letters correctly using the Read Write Inc rhymes. We will continue to practise writing captions and sentences when writing about and to the 'Giant'. We will be reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'A Tiny Seed' and 'Oliver's Vegetables' linked to our topic work.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will continue to practise our sketching and observational skills when drawing and painting still life, e.g. flowers and fruits and vegetables. We will also explore what we can achieve with clay as an art material. We will be continuing looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh in our art sessions.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: We will continue to explore how numbers are made up of smaller numbers as well as focus on number order and the patterns involved in our counting system.

Communication and Language:

This half term we will have lots of opportunities to verbally retell stories to others. We will be thinking about the language we need to use when trying to get someone to follow our instructions in order to complete a task. We will also continue to develop our vocabulary during topic themed activities.

Music: This is taught by Mrs Lee. The children will continue to follow the music programme, 'Charanga'.

Physical Development: We are continuing to develop our fine motor skills by joining materials in different ways. In P.E. sessions we are working with Newcastle United Foundation to develop our ball skills. We will be focusing particularly upon aiming and rolling. We will also begin our first gymnastics unit.

PSED: In PSED sessions we will be continuing to think about how we can help keep ourselves healthy. We will learn the importance of a good sleep routine as well as how to keep ourselves clean. We will also be thinking about how we can practically and verbally solve problems with others.

Class Novel or author focus: Jack and the Beanstalk

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 emails and child's book bag frequently for newsletters and other information.

Please continue to read regularly with your child and practice recognising letter sounds. Thank you.

Class Reminders:

Wildlife Wednesdays: *Wednesday.* Children should ***come to school wearing plenty layers and bring wellies and puddle suits in their bag.*** Children must have alternative footwear for indoors and it is useful to have spare socks, trousers and a plastic bag to carry any muddy clothing

PE: *Tuesday* and *Thursday.* Children should come to school wearing PE kit (white T-shirt, blue shorts, and trainers) with dark, plain joggers over the top and green school jumpers.

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: Please ensure that reading books are in your child's book bag **every Thursday.** We listen to children read on Thursday and send books home on Friday. *Thank you.*