



Forest Hall Primary School

Spring 2 Half Term 2026 Information Sheet Year 1



Dear **Year 1 Ash** 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.

Themes: Why do animals hibernate?

Children will identify and name a variety of common animals and group these into mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish. They will take this learning further and identify which of these animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and they will look at how different animals obtain their foods, using simple food chains. Children will compare and describe world habitats and they will be able to explain how different animals adapt to their habitats.

Cross curricular links:

Geography (Polar Regions)

The children will be learning about the conditions in the Polar Regions and will be comparing the seasonal and daily weather patterns in the North and South Poles to the United Kingdom. They will be learning geographical vocabulary to refer to the key physical features of the Arctic and Antarctica. They will identify the North and South Poles on a map and identify the Equator and the countries closest to it, as well as hot and cold areas of the world.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

English: Children will continue to develop their reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and sentence formation. Children will base their work on 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' and children will be focusing on Spring Poetry.

Art: The children will be experimenting with paint and will be learning how to mix primary and secondary colours.

PSHE: What can we do with money? The children will be looking at how much things cost and different ways to earn and save money and why this is important.

Music: (Taught by Mrs Wilcox): Charanga: Recognising sounds. The children will be learning to recognise different instruments in music.

RE: Christianity – What is the Easter story?

PE: Games (sending and receiving - NUFC) and team building.

Computing: Action Algorithms! Children will be learning what a simple algorithm is. They will write their own algorithm and they will debug simple algorithms, as well as testing these out to see if they work.

Maths: Children will be developing their addition and subtraction skills within 20 and their Place Value skills within 50.

How can you help?

Practise spellings (including Year 1 common exception words) with your child.

Share your child's school reading book with them. There are discussion points on the back cover to help you with this. This is best done often and in short bursts.

Practise mental maths, particularly number bonds to 10 and 20, discuss time and measure (including money) with real examples.

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.

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

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: Spellings will be given on **Tuesday** to be tested the following **Monday**. Children will be given 5 weekly spellings to learn. **Spellings will be given out each week on a single piece of paper, which does not need to be returned to school.**

Class Library: Children will be able to choose a class library book every **Friday**. Library books should be returned the following Wednesday.