



Forest Hall Primary School

Spring 2 Half 2026 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: What did the Romans do for us?

We will study the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain: -

- Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC
- the Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army
- successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall
- British resistance, for example, Boudicca
- "Romanisation" of Britain: sites and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity

Cross curricular links:

- Geography: We will locate Rome and significant Roman settlements within our own country.
- Art: we will look at mosaics and create our own

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: We will learn about length and perimeter and begin our work on fractions - times table recall will be necessary for this unit so please keep practising your tables

English: We will study and write non-chronological reports, continue to develop our reading fluency and learn how to answer inference questions. Also, we will continue to improve our spelling accuracy.

Science: Electricity (Identifying appliances that run on electricity, constructing simple series circuits and investigating how switches work. Recognising some common conductors and insulators.)

RE: We will discuss the question 'Why is Lent such an important time for Christians?' We will learn when Lent is and its significance for Christians.

ART: We will be exploring tints and shades and using this to paint in 3d. We will also use our skills to create a still-life painting.

PSHE: How can drugs common to everyday life affect health? We will discuss how drugs common to everyday life (including smoking/vaping - nicotine, alcohol, caffeine and medicines) can affect health and wellbeing.

PE: Cricket (with the Northumberland Cricket Board) and key skills (with NUFC foundation).

Music: We will continue our ukelele learning, expanding on what was learnt in year 3.

French: We will learn to ask and answer questions about the weather in different European countries.

Class novel: 'The Roman Invasion' by Josh Lacey

How can you help?

Please ensure that the children are fluent when using **all tables (to 12 x 12)** as table fluency helps your child massively in maths, particularly with our fractions work this half term. Please encourage your child to use their 'Times Table Rockstars' account <https://trockstars.com/> at least twice a week.

It is very important that your child reads their school reading book and a variety of texts on a regular basis, promoting a **love of reading**. Please hear your child read **at least three times a week at home, discussing what has been read** and update their reading diary every week. Why not enjoy a family outing to a local library?

Class Reminders:

PE: Monday (outdoors, weather permitting) and Tuesday (indoors or outdoors).

Reading journals and reading books 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. Please encourage your child to practice several times a week for a short time, rather than one burst the day before the test.

Key Stage 2 Objectives for this term

- To check all pieces of work for accuracy.
- To move sensibly and quietly around school