



Forest Hall Primary School

Spring 2 2026 Half Term Information Sheet



Dear **Y5 Willow** 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 did the Anglo-Saxons change Britain?

Cross curricular links: English – Beowulf as key text. Geography - locate where the Angles, Saxons and Jutes came from.

History: We will learn when and why Britain was invaded after the Romans left. We will learn about the Anglo-Saxon way of life and what they believed in. We will look at artefacts from Anglo-Saxon times and work out what they tell us about the Anglo-Saxons.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

English: Fiction – Hero vs Monster Saga. Key text: Beowulf. Skills to be developed include: using reading skills to understand and compare characters and their actions; making predictions about plots; summarising key points; writing interesting characters; using figurative language in descriptions including kennings; using a range of sentence openers for variety. Homophones and cious, tious suffixes.

Science: Forces- we will learn about pushes, pulls and twists, Isaac Newton and the concept of gravity, measuring forces using force meters and air resistance.

Computing: What is a computer? Looking at parts of a computer and how they work.

Design and Technology: Cooking and nutrition - developing a recipe. We will be learning about the process of farm to fork, food hygiene and how to adapt a recipe for individual needs. We will practise some basic chopping techniques before making our own spaghetti bolognese. (Vegetarian option will also be available). Please keep us updated with any allergies your child may have.

PE: Cricket – Monday. Swimming- Thursday.

Maths: Fractions- finding fraction equivalences, converting between mixed number and improper fractions, comparing and ordering fractions; calculating with fractions.

Music: We will be learning how to play musical notation using the glockenspiels.

PSHE: How can friends communicate safely? We will look at how to keep safe when using social media and the need for consent when sharing pictures. We will also think about what AI is and how it is used. We will discuss what is and is not an appropriate touch between friends.

RE: We will continue with the theme of 'Why is God important to Christians?'

Class Text : Weather Well – Vashti Hardy

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: Monday – Cricket: please come to school wearing a white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers for lesson. Jogging bottoms can be worn over shorts for cricket as we will be likely to be outside.

Swimming- Thursday.

Maths homework: Eedi homework to be set weekly online- children can attend Homework club in school if they do not have access Eedi at home.

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 using Times Table Rockstars.

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 BBC Bitesize, Topmarks or other apps.

Spellings: To be given out and tested on Friday. Year 5 Common Exception Words are on our Class Page on the website.

Key Stage 2 Objectives for this term

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