



Forest Hall Primary School

Summer 1 2026 Half Term Information Sheet



Dear **Reception Elm** 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: Where in the world?

We will be locating where we live and places we have visited (either physically or in our learning) on a globe/map. We will be comparing what it is like to live in the UK with different towns and cities in Kenya.

Cross curricular links:

Understanding the world: Locating different countries on a map and comparing weather, climate and natural features of the UK and towns and cities in Kenya. Gaining an insight into the lives, culture and beliefs of others. Being respectful of different faiths and cultures.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Literacy: We will be focusing on writing simple and longer captions and sentences. We will be trying hard to form all of our letters correctly when writing. We are continuing with our RWI sessions and reading books/sentences that match our phonic knowledge. We will be reading traditional African stories and poetry. As well as basing some of our work around the story 'Handa's Surprise.'

Maths: We will be exploring doubling and odd and even numbers. We will continue to practise counting objects to 20 – focusing upon getting the 'teen' numbers in the correct order. We will also explore how 2D shapes can be used and joined to make other 2D shapes.

PSED: We will be exploring how body language and facial expression can tell us a lot about someone's feelings/emotions. We will also be extending our vocabulary linked to emotions. We will focus upon problem solving and how we can work with others to positively solve problems that may arise. We will also be learning why it is important and healthy to limit 'screen time'.

Computing: The children will be exploring the program 'purple mash' using the computers and recapping how to log on and navigate around a program. We will also try using the internet and learning about internet safety.

PE: We will be continuing our games unit with Newcastle United Foundation during our Tuesday PE session. On our Thursday PE session we will focus on our second 'Dance' unit.

Music: The children will use the music programme 'Charanga' to learn some songs and use simple percussion.

Art: The children will explore the concept of sculpture. They will create sculptures of animals and will also use the media of clay.

Class Novel or author focus: 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne.

How can you help?

Please read with and to your child regularly. 'Fred Talk' games will also help your child with their sound blending skills. Please could you also practise recognising and writing numbers with your child. Talk with your child about what we have been doing in class and extend at home where possible. Thank you.

Class Reminders:

PE: Tuesday and Thursday. Children should wear their PE kits to school (white t-shirt and navy shorts) with plain dark coloured joggers and their green school jumper on top.

Library book: Monday

Homework: Home/School Learning Journey's sent out at the start of the half term and can be added to on a weekly basis by parents/carers if they wish.

Reading Books: Reading books will be sent home on a Friday. They should be returned to school on Thursday so that Reception staff can read with children and swap books on Thursday and Friday.

Wildlife Wednesday: On Wednesday children are expected to dress appropriately for the Wildlife Garden, in the warmer weather this could include a sun hat and sun cream.