



Forest Hall Primary School

Summer 1 2026 Half Term Information Sheet



Dear **Y5 Willow** 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 is it like to live in Canada?

The children will learn about the geography of Canada and link it to their previous learning about our coastline and about northern Italy. We will be looking at both physical and human geography and reading maps from an atlas and digitally using computer software. We will cover biomes of the world and look at 6 figure grid references when reading maps.

Cross curricular links:

History: Looking at indigenous Canadian people and traditions and historical links with UK.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

English: Non-fiction – Biographies focusing on “Great Women Who Changed the World”. Working on organising information, using clear sentence structure, using a range of openers, using parenthesis. Developing reading comprehension.

Maths: Short division including with remainders; Decimals (ordering and comparing); percentages; (fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences); area and perimeter. In daily maths mash up: revisiting formal written methods of calculation; developing mental strategies; problem solving.

Science: Forces- Water resistance and streamlining. Simple machines -How levers, pulleys and gears work taught by Mrs Nolan

Art: Installation Art. We will be learning what installation art is and creating art installations of our own around school, taught by Mrs Getlevog.

PSHE: Continue with ‘How can friends communicate safely? We will focus upon the idea of consent within friendships. E.g. consent to share information and pictures. We will then move on to ‘How will we grow and change?’ Looking at how puberty changes the body physically and the emotional changes that can happen. Taught by Mrs Getlevog

RE: Judaism- how Jewish families celebrate at home. We will look at artefacts used in the home, celebrations such as Shabbat and discovering what is meant by Kosher food. Taught by Mrs Getlevog

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

PE: Thursday – Swimming. Friday – Athletics with Mrs Nolan

Music: Samba taught by Mr Holland

Class Novel: Cloud Boy – Marcia Williams

How can you help?

Please support your child with their reading homework as it will help them to make progress in every area of the curriculum. Encourage your child to learn their spellings little and often as this is the most effective method.

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: Thursday and Friday. Swimming kits for Thursday, white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers for Friday. Please do not wear tights on PE days or bring a spare pair of socks in your PE bag if wearing tights.

Maths homework: Eedi homework to be set weekly online- children can attend Homework club in school to complete if not device 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 BBCBitesize, 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 Objectives for this term

To talk in lessons at the correct times.

To try our best to get on with our peers during break times.