Forest Hall Primary School
Autumn 2 2026 Half Term Information Sheet

Dear **Year 1 Ash** 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: Where do we live and what is it the weather like?
The children will learn about our local area. They will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom, as well as labelling simple aerial view of Forest Hall. They will learn about the human and physical geographical features of our local area and they will be able to name and locate our nearest city.

Cross curricular links:
Geography: Children will learn about the locality of Forest Hall in relation to Newcastle upon Tyne and they will be able to identify the key geographical features of our nearest city. They will also carry out fieldwork in our local area to help them to identify the key human and physical geographical features.
Science: **Seasons**
Children will observe changes across the four seasons (with a focus on autumn to winter this half term), and they will observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. Children will learn which seasons occur in each month, as well as learning how long each season typically lasts.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:
English: Children will base their work on the story of The Tiger who came to tea and they will be learning how to correctly form and punctuate a sentence, looking at how to use a capital letter for proper nouns. They will continue to learn common exception words and develop their letter formation.
PSHE (taught by Mrs Getlevog): Their topic this half term will be 'mental health and wellbeing'. The children will be exploring emotions and understanding what our bodies do when we feel different emotions.
Music: Charanga: **'**Let's get singing.' Children will revisit how to keep the beat and will develop their voices joining in with raps and chants. They will sing songs from around the world.
RE (taught by Mrs Getlevog): Children will continue to learn about the importance of a Christian church investigating some of the key features. Children will learn about how Christians believe that Jesus is the Light of the World and explore some Christmas traditions.
PE: Ball Skills and Yoga.
Computing: Exploring digital sound. Children will be introduced to digital sound and they will experiment with simple beats, tempo and composition with various tools.
Maths: Children will continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on part whole and they will begin to look at the properties of shape (2D and 3D).
Art (Taught by Mrs Getlevog): Children will be exploring mark making and line drawing techniques and they will use a range of materials to create different types of lines. They will experiment with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces.

How can you help?
Share your child's school reading book with them. There are discussion points on the inside cover to help you with this. This is best done often and in short bursts. Practise mental maths, discuss time and measure with real examples (including money). Practice times tables and division facts, missing number problems and counting forwards and backwards to 100, in 2s, 5s and 10s. Practise spellings (including Year 1 common exception words). 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.

Class Reminders:
PE: Monday and Wednesday. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days. Please ensure they have joggers if the weather is colder.
Spellings: These will be given on **Tuesday** to be tested the following **Monday**.
Library: Children will visit the library on **Fridays.** Library books should be returned on this day. Books cannot be taken out without returning the previous loan. If your child misses their library day, there may not be an opportunity to change their book until the following timetabled session.

Key Stage One Objectives for this term

- To correctly form letters and numbers.
- To be able to sit and show good listening skills.