Forest Hall Primary School
Autumn 2 2026 Half Term Information Sheet

Dear **Year 2 Beech** 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 do we live and what is it 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 views 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:
Design Technology: **(Taught by Mrs Getlevog**) Children will explore mechanisms. They will design and make their own moving fairground wheel.
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: **Living Things and their Habitats (Part 1)**
Children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. Children will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:
English: Children will continue to develop their reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and sentence formation. In Year 2, they will base their work on 'Tadpole's Promise' and 'The Night Gardener' and will begin to use apostrophes correctly, as well as using description to make their writing more exciting. They will also begin to use inference skills in their reading.
PSHE: (Taught by Mrs Getlevog) The children will be focusing upon online safety. They will be learning how to stay safe online with particular reference to talking and sharing pictures.
Music: Charanga: Let's Keep Singing. The children will begin to learn how to keep in tune when singing in a group and they will learn how to maintain a steady tempo and rhythm whilst singing different songs.
RE: (Taught by Mrs Getlevog) The children will be exploring what a saint is. They will learn about how and why Jesus is an important figure, through the Christmas story.
PE: Fitness and Yoga.
Computing: Children will be given an introduction to simple animation, including using various apps to create simple stop motion animation.
Maths: Children will continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills and they will begin to look at the properties of shape.

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 number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Practise spellings (including Year 2 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**. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits on all timetabled PE days. Children must always have sandshoes. **Please make sure kits and uniform are labelled.**
Spellings: These will be given on **Tuesday** to be tested the following **Monday**.
Library: Children will be able to choose a class library book on a **Friday**. Library books should be returned the following week.