# Forest Hall Primary School
# Autumn 2 2026 Half Term Information Sheet

Dear Y4 Sycamore 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: Who were the Ancient Greeks?

**Cross curricular links:**
**History:** we will learn about the Ancient Greek Civilisation; the expansion and dissolution of empires at the time and study the timeline of the Ancient Greek civilization to where the Romans took over. We will learn about the legacy of Greek culture (art, architecture or literature) on later periods in British history, including the present day - study the early Olympics, the modern Olympic return in 1896 and the modern day (Paris 2024); and architecture of the day and its impact on Europe including how the Parthenon linked to the goddess Athena linking to other gods and goddesses and Greek mythology. We will learn about Greek gods and study the battle of Marathon.
**Geography:** using maps, we will learn where Greece is today and how this differs from Ancient Greece
**SMSC:** we will be trying to understand and appreciate the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped our own heritage, particularly with refence to the Olympics.
**English:** we will be reading myths and will be writing our own.

**Subjects being taught separately this half term:**
**Maths**: Our units this term are 'Area' and 'Multiplication and Division' (multiplying and dividing facts to 12 x 12 and by 10 and 100, with fluency)
**English:** We will read, understand and write poems about 'change' and continue to develop our reading comprehension and spelling accuracy.
**Science**: States of matter - classifying materials based on whether they are solids, liquids or gases and exploring their properties. Investigating what happens when materials are heated and cooled. Reading a thermometer accurately and studying the water cycle (evaporation and condensation).
**RE:** We will ask the question '*Why do Christians call Jesus the light of the world?*' and think about the significance of light for Christians at Christmas. Then we will consider ways in which we can show the qualities of 'light' in our lives, suggesting positive ways to do this both at school and at home.
**PSHE**: we will be looking at what it means to be a friend, understand that our actions affect ourselves and others around us and to care about other people's feelings, trying to see things from their points of view
**PE:** Dodgeball and Parkour with NUFC Foundation.
**Art**: Painting – Light and dark. Using paint to mix tints and shades to paint various still life pictures.
**Music:** Singing as part of an ensemble and different body percussion.
**French**: We will be revising numbers to 30 and reading and writing about families. We will learn colours.
**Class novel: '**Who let the Gods out?' by Maz Evans
*Children are welcome to bring their own copies of our class novel into school to read along with the teacher.*

***How can you help?***
Please ensure that the children are fluent when using the 3, 4, 8, and 6x tables as table fluency helps your child massively in maths. It is important that your child reads their school reading book and a variety of texts on a regular basis, promoting a **love of reading**. Please hear your child read regularly at home and ensure they have their reading book and reading record in school every day.

**Class Reminders:**
**PE:** Tuesday am and Thursday pm
**Tables tests:** Friday - please ensure your child learns their tables for these tests. They will have 6 seconds to answer each question, so a quick recall is essential!
**Spelling Tests**: Friday. New spellings are given each Friday to learn for the following week.

**Key Stage 2 Objectives for this term**
- To have all equipment needed in school on the correct days
- To read for pleasure every day.