Forest Hall Primary School
Autumn 2 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: Who were the Shang dynasty?

Cross curricular links

History: Develop chronological understanding with a human timeline, study Shang kings, explore inventions from the era, find out about the beliefs of the Shang dynasty such as burial rituals and oracle bones, learn about Ancient Chinese festivals, study Shang wars and warriors, examine Chinese artefacts and research archaeological discoveries.
Geography: Learn about the physical geography of China, mountain ranges, rivers and capital city.

English: Using inference skills in reading to understand characters. Writing a quest story, creating an opening to hook the reader and developing characters.
Class Novel: 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Spellings: silent letters; suffixes. Continuing to develop accurate use of grammar and spelling
Science: 'Earth and Space', understanding the solar system and the relative movements of the Earth, Moon and Sun as well as other planets. How Earth's rotation causes day and night. Also, the Moon's phases and orbit.
PE: Tuesday: Football NUFC, Thursday: Yoga.
Maths: developing a range of mental strategies and written methods for addition and subtraction; apply understanding to solve a range of problems; factors and multiples.
Music: Sing and Play in Different Styles. Learning to sing and play as an ensemble and about music from around the world.
PSHE: Foundations for wellbeing - exploring different self-regulation strategies.
RE: Judaism - How do Jewish people worship? Christmas unit – The themes of Christmas; love, peace, hope, joy etc.
Computing: Retro games: know about the history of video games, analyse Space Invaders game and make own using Scratch coding programme.
DT: Kapow - Bridges Unit. Exploring which shape and style bridges are the strongest. Making our own bridges from cardboard, spaghetti and wood.

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: Tuesday and Thursdays. Please note, Thursday is our yoga session and the children will require shorts as well as jogging bottoms.
Maths: Homework will be set every Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This will be a session on Eedi. Please additionally encourage your child to secure multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 by practising at home or on Times Table Rock Stars.
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 Mondays.
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Key Stage 2 Phase Objectives for this term

- **To read for pleasure as often as possible.**
- **To be ready to learn in school.**