Forest Hall Primary School
Autumn 2 2026 Half Term Information Sheet

Dear **Y6 Cedar** 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 are geography skills? The children will develop the skills they need to learn about geography. They will learn new vocabulary to help them describe places with geographical language. They will learn skills which will help them locate places on paper and digital maps with more accuracy.

Cross curricular links:
Geography: Read and write 6-figure grid references. Use paper and digital maps, atlases and globes to locate places and describe their human and physical features. Understand time zones. Identify main lines of latitude and longitude (the Prime Meridian, the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, the Equator and the Tropics and Cancer and Capricorn). Increase their knowledge of where places are in the world.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:
English: Read and write persuasive texts; analyse classic poems; reinforce punctuation such as apostrophes and commas; spell Y5/6 tricky words; revise spelling patterns involving adding suffixes, improve reading comprehension strategies particularly inference skills; develop oracy skills.
Maths: Develop knowledge of formal calculation methods including long multiplication and division; learn the order of operations; improve mental methods; identify prime, squared and cubed numbers; calculate fractions, decimals and percentages; develop written reasoning and improve problem-solving skills.
Science: Evolution and inheritance: learn about inherited characteristics; how plants and animals have adapted and evolved over time to suit their environment; find out about Charles Darwin; explore fossils.
PSHE: Managing money and online spending. Taught by Mrs Kelly.
RE: Christianity (comparing different Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus). Taught by Mrs Kelly.
DT: Structures. Design and make a variety of different structures for a miniature playground using a range of materials. Taught by Mrs Kelly.
Computing: Spreadsheets – why spreadsheets are used and how we use them.
PE: Fitness with Ms Parkhouse and Swimming with Ms Renaldi/ Yoga with Ms Parkhouse.
Music: Samba with Mr Holland then singing Christmas songs.
French: Introducing themselves, animals, shapes and food.
Class novel – 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

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. Your child will have weekly maths homework. For most children, this will be tasks set on the Eedi website. Some children will be working on learning specific times tables facts.

Class Reminders:
PE: Swimming or Yoga (Thursday) and fitness (Friday). White t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers on Thursday and Friday. Swimming costume/ trunks and a towel for swimming. Joggers can be worn for warmth.
Homework: Your child needs their reading book in school every day and needs to read for about 15 minutes at least five times a week at home.
Maths: maths homework will be set every Thursday and collected on the following Wednesday.
Spellings: Spellings will be given out every Thursday. They will be tested on the following Wednesday.

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