



White Spire School

Autumn Term

Welcome back to a new school year. The children have returned looking very smart in their uniforms. They are beginning to make new friendships and settle into their new classes. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's learning or our school routines.

Curriculum

Our theme for this term is 'All About Me'. We plan to cover the following objectives:

English

- Through Read, Write Inc phonics Programme, we will develop our reading and writing skills. In our Extended Writing lessons we will be reading the stories of 'Brown Bear, Bear' and 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear' to develop our knowledge of rhyme. We will use the stories to inspire our own questions and answers.

Maths

- We will work on our knowledge of place value, using different resources to explore and see how the value of numbers changes. We will move on to developing our understanding of addition and subtraction, with our work being based on practical experiences.

Science

- To support our topic work, we will be finding out about the parts of our body and our senses. We will then move on to investigate healthy diets and learn about how exercise helps our bodies.

Humanities

- In History, we will be talking about our families by comparing our childhoods with our grandparents. Later on in the term, we will be finding out about maps in Geography. We will look at where we live and compare it to another country.

Computing

- We will start our computing work by looking at staying safe. The children will learn how to log on to a laptop by using a password. We will then move on to learning how to say and give a computer a simple set of rules to follow to solve a problem, like moving an animated character across the screen.

RE

- We will explore the faiths of Judaism and Christianity. The children will have the opportunity to investigate different artefacts from the two faiths and explore how our lives and families are similar to those with other beliefs.

PSHCE

- We will learn how and why we should keep our bodies clean, focussing on cleaning our teeth in particular. In our work on relationships we will be thinking about different types of friends and strategies to help us when someone is not being a good friend.

Art and DT

- In Art we will be learning to draw and paint portraits, using our knowledge of shape to help us sketch the features of our faces. In DT we will explore how photo frames work and will make one for our own special photo.

PE

- We will work on our balance and coordination by taking part in multi-skills activities, dance and gymnastics.

Performing Arts

- In Performing Arts, we will focus on group singing and learn how to start and stop a performance together. After half term, we will learn songs and actions for our Nativity performance.

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Interventions and Clubs

During the school day, we have clubs and interventions. They focus on a variety of English, Maths and social skills activities. We will let you know if your child is invited to take part in any.

Trips

We will be visiting Father Christmas in December.

We will also be taking walking trips around the local area as part of our Independence work.

Healthy Snack

The children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks for break times. Please do not send in any nut based snacks.

PE Kit and uniform

Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays.

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled. Please send in the kit on Mondays and we will return it on Fridays.

Attendance

Every day counts. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the day, please ensure that they return to school afterwards.

Forthcoming Events

Coffee Morning – 19th October
Parents Evening – 12th December
Parents Arts and Crafts Morning - TBC
Nativity Performance - TBC

Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on the dates.