



White Spire School

Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. We hope that you had a lovely festive holiday. The children have returned looking very smart and are eager to learn. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's learning.

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Spring Term Curriculum

Our theme for this term is 'Around the World'. We plan to cover the following objectives:

English

- Through Read, Write Inc phonics Programme, we will continue to develop our reading and writing skills. In our Extended Writing lessons we will learn to describe different settings and write a postcard.

Maths

- We will extend our knowledge on the value of numbers and how to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will investigate fractions of shapes and explore measuring in different ways. Some children will begin to look at 'sharing', whilst the older members of our classes will be making 'lots of' and counting on in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science

- We will continue to explore the properties of different materials and use what we find out to ask and answers questions. We will then move on to comparing and classifying materials.

Humanities

- In History, we will be learning about the voyages and discoveries of Christopher Columbus and other explorers. We will start closer to home for Geography and investigate the features of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We will then take a tour of the world - so any souvenirs or pictures from your family travels that the children can bring in to share would be very welcome!

Computing

- By playing different games, we will learn instructional language that we can then use to program small robots.

RE

- We will explore the faiths of Hinduism and Sikhism. The children will learn to compare how special events are celebrated in each faith and the different places of worship.

PSHE

- We will work on our feelings and friendship skills this term. The children will learn to recognise common feelings in themselves and the best way to manage and communicate their emotions to others. We will also work on recognising how other people are feeling and how to respond to them.

Art and DT

- We will be looking at Aboriginal Art and we will create our own piece by learning to mix paint and create patterns. In DT we will think about how explorers travel to hard to reach places by building boats and planes.

Music

- In Music, we will explore songs from around the world and use them to develop our performance skills.

PE

- We will use our Multi-Skills work to improve our co-ordination and then play games to develop our tactics. We will also be exploring how we can move to music.



Trips

'Zoo Lab' Visitor

This will give us a chance to look at and handle creatures from around the world.

Local Train Trip

We will take a ride on a train to 'explore' new destinations and inspire our writing.

Local Walking Trips

We will visit the local post office to buy our stamps and post our postcards.

A 'World' Trip

We're hoping to take the children out to experience other world cultures - possibly a meal - and will let you know as soon as we have a venue confirmed.

Please note the visits are subject to transport and venue availability.

Attendance

We believe regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Please help us by ensuring your child attends school every day - we would love to achieve 100% attendance for the term.

PE Kit and uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE Kit is clearly labelled. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays.

Forthcoming Events

- Break up for Half Term - 14th February
- Back to school - 24th February
- World Book Day - 5th March
- Parents Evening - 25th March
- Parents Engagement Morning - 3rd April (9:00am - 10:00am)
- Coffee Morning - 3rd April
- Break up for Easter - 3rd April

Please check your child's diary regularly for the latest updates and information on forthcoming events and trips.

Important Messages

We have been asked to pass on these important messages to you:

Free School Meals Online Application

How do I apply?

You can register and find out if your child is eligible by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

The system is quick and simple to use.

A scam known as 'deets and squares' (deets is slang for bank details and a square is a credit or debit card), young people are becoming 'money mules' by handing over their bank details to fraudsters in exchange for money, making them accessories to the fraudsters' crime.

Agencies are continuing to report young people getting involved in money laundering.