



Class 1 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Class 1 at White Spire School! It's great to see our returning pupils and say hello to our new friends and families. The children have returned looking very smart in their uniforms. They are beginning to settle into their new class and are getting familiar with new faces. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's learning or our school routines.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Through group activities, individual tasks and structured play, our learning will focus on:

Communication, Language and Literacy: We will enjoy and explore stories with the theme of families. We will experience mark making in different ways, and develop our skills of mark making with a purpose. Every day we will develop our knowledge of letters and sounds for speaking and reading through the Read, Write, Inc. programme. We will follow individualised programmes of support, designed to develop our communication skills.

Mathematics: We will be developing our counting skills. We will link number symbols with values and begin to compare numbers. The pupils will be encouraged to develop their skills of recognising quantities to 5 without counting objects individually, and explore making shapes and patterns

Understanding of the World

Computing - We will learn how to be safe using online activities and how to get help.

Geography - We will explore the similarities and differences of home and school.

History - We will develop our understanding of different people in our lives, including the emergency services.

RE - We will explore different family celebrations, national celebrations and seasonal religious festivals.

Science - We are going to explore using our senses of touch, taste, smell, sight and sound. We will identify those that we like and those that we don't like.

Physical Development: In PE, we will start the year by participating in multi-skills activities to refine the control of our movements and develop our partner work.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development): We will learn about ways of expressing our likes, dislikes and preferences. When exploring relationships, we will practise greetings and how to ask for help. We will continue to explore the world around us, developing skills to explore and respond to new experiences in less familiar places safely.

Expressive Arts and Design

Performing Arts - We will perform familiar songs and rhymes with actions. We will explore dressing up and pretending to be different familiar members.

Art - We will learn to use different resources to make portraits of ourselves and family members. We will then explore making collages of familiar places.

Food - We will use our senses to experience food from different countries. We will also begin to think about where fruit and vegetables come from.

Important Information

PE Kit and Uniform

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled. We try our best to find and reunite any lost items.

Dates for the Diary

School Photos - Friday 20th September

Classes 1, 2 & 3 Coffee Morning - Friday 18th October

Parents Evening - Thursday 21st October

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

Snacks and Free School Meals

School provides morning snacks of juice, fruit and biscuits. If your child is in academic year 3 or above and you think your child may be entitled for free school meals, you can register and find out if your child is eligible by visiting a quick and easy system at:

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