



Class 2 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Class 2 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

Our learning will be focused on:

Literacy: Through the Read, Write Inc phonics Programme, we will develop our reading and writing skills. In our Extended Writing lessons we will be learning how to communicate about events in the past. We will develop verbal and written descriptions of past events, and explore new vocabulary to write Superhero diary entries.

Mathematics: We will work on securing counting forwards and backwards from any number between 1 - 20, and develop our understanding of the value of numbers to 20 and beyond! We will begin to explore the concepts of odd and even numbers, and counting on in 2s, 5s and 10s using songs and actions. We will also develop our skills of addition and subtraction.

Computing: We will revisit and develop our knowledge and skills for staying safe online. We will then look at technology in our lives and how we can be safe using apps and consoles.

Humanities: In our Geography, we will be comparing two cities - Milton Keynes and Cairo. We will investigate similarities and differences between the two places. In History, we will be learning about real-life 'superheroes' and how their bravery and hard work has improved our lives.

PE: We will develop our teamwork skills through playing familiar games that require co-ordination and cooperation. We will then move on to ball games by refining our travelling, passing and blocking skills.

PSHCE: In our work on relationships, we will find out about 'trusted adults' and the roles of members of the emergency services. We will then move on to looking after ourselves through exploring healthy activity choices and good hygiene habits.

RE: Across the term we will learn about how Jewish and Christian families celebrate important events like birth and marriage.

Science: We start the year by learning about our bodies and how we can use different parts to explore the world and create a cause and effect.

Art: Family and familiar places will inspire our Art this term. We will create family portraits, which we will build into an album. We will then use different materials and methods to create collages and 3D models of our homes and favourite places.

Food: We will be exploring soup! We will taste test different types of soup and then learn to use equipment safely so we can chop and blend vegetables to make our own soups.

Performing Arts: In singing we will explore how we can change our voices to match an accompanying piece of music. In drama, we will create our own superhero characters and use our imagination to develop stories to perform.

Important Information

PE Kit and Uniform

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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 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 you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, you can find out and register by visiting a quick and easy system at:

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

Attendance

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

