



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 celebration. 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 continue to 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 'number bonds' that total 10.

Understanding of the World

Computing - We will learn how to be safe using online activities and then explore basic interactive games.

Geography - We will identify special everyday places for us and our families.

History - We will develop our understanding of 'now' and the 'past' in terms of our own personal history.

RE - We will explore what is special to us and our families, including people and places. Through our home corner and practical experiences, we will continue to learn about different celebrations throughout the year and across different beliefs.

Science - We are going to explore using different materials, colours and textures. We will have the chance to mix and create with these materials, which will develop our senses.

Physical Development: In PE, we will start the year by participating in multi-skills activities to develop awareness and control of our movements. We will then move on to linking movements together with music.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development): We will learn about different needs of our body and how to get help. When exploring relationships, we will identify members of our families and our roles at home. We will continue to explore the outdoor world around us, developing skills to explore and respond to new experiences safely.

Expressive Arts and Design

Performing Arts - We explore the different seasonal celebrations by learning traditional songs and nursery rhymes. We will explore dressing up and how we can change our actions as different characters.

Art - We will use the different celebrations of the term to inspire our drawing and sculpture, and work with texture and colour.

Food - We will learn how to prepare ourselves and our environment for food. We will then explore preparing and tasting a range of fruit and vegetables.

Important Information

PE Kit and Uniform

Our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**. 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 - 22th September

Please check your child's diary regularly for information and dates on forthcoming events and visits. There will be a parents evening and Nativity performance later this term.

Snacks and Free School Meals

School provides morning snacks of juice, fruit and biscuits. All pupils in academic years 1 and 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals. 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/>