



White Spire School

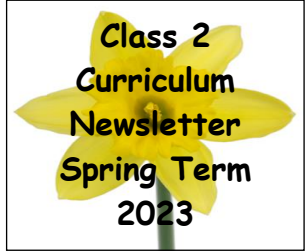
Happy New Year

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.

Spring Term Curriculum

Our theme for this term is 'Creepy Crawlies'. 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 learn to use adjectives to describe characters and settings in our own short stories. We will then move on to write fact books about our favourite mini-beasts and bugs.
- Maths**
- We will extend our knowledge on the value of numbers and apply it to money. We will learn to sort and identify the value of different combinations of coins. We will explore times in the day and how we use different vocabulary to order event. We will also explore making groups and sharing equally as part of our early work on multiplication and division.
- Science**
- We will be exploring how humans and plants grow and change during a life cycle. We will then move on to the importance of a healthy lifestyle and diet.
- Humanities**
- In History, we will be learning about how the natural world has changed over time. We will be thinking about how creatures have become endangered or extinct. In Geography, we will be looking for hot and cold locations around the world and explore the seasonal weather of the UK.
- Computing**
- We will be learning to give commands to different computer programs to make a character move or to complete a task. We will also explore programming a moving device to control its movements.
- RE**
- We will explore the faiths of Hinduism and Sikhism. We will compare the lifestyles of families to our own and find out about the role of nature and water in these faiths.
- PSHE**
- Our 'emotions' work will look at managing 'big' feelings and how we can get help and support. In our 'relationships' work we will look at different types of families and the common features of family life.
- Art and DT**
- We will be developing our observational skill to improve our drawing skills and colour selection. In DT we will be making mini-beast models and masks.
- Music**
- In Music, we will explore using different percussion instruments and our voices to create a creepy crawly 'soundscape' and using puppets and masks to act out a story.
- PE**
- We will develop our flexibility and strength by creating movements to music and participating in multi-skill activities. We will develop our Racket Sports skills by using a range of bats and nets, which will help our hand and eye coordination and spatial awareness.



Milton Keynes Council

Milton Keynes City Council is funding a free 'Warmth and Wellbeing Helpline'. It offers advice to people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. MK residents can call the Freephone number **0800 107 0044**, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5.00pm to get advice from the National Energy Foundation's Better Housing Better Health team.

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 so we can achieve our target of 100% attendance this term.

Forthcoming Events

- Coffee Morning - Friday 3rd February
- World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March
- Parents Evening - Thursday 16th March
- Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

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

PE Kit

Our PE days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.

Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

