



# White Spire School

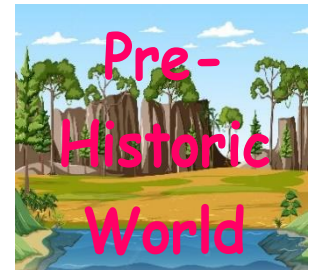
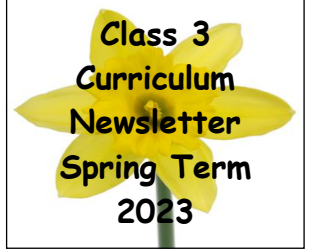
## Happy New Year

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 'Pre-Historic World'. 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 develop our descriptive writing skills and create our own lost and found stories. In our non-fiction work we will learn how to write instructions.
- Maths**
- We will develop our money knowledge. We will learn to use coins in different ways to make different amounts, then we will use a shop scenario to find totals and work out change. We will also revisit multiplication and division calculations, making 'groups of' and sharing equally.
- Science**
- We will learn to classify and group animals based on their physical characteristics and compare their habitats. We will apply this knowledge to classifying dinosaurs.
- Humanities**
- We will be learning about early British History and the Stone and Bronze Ages by learning about the key changes in these periods and how people lived their lives. In Geography we will explore the similarities and differences between a location in the UK and a contrasting country.
- Computing**
- We will develop our skills in using presentation software like Google Docs. We will learn to change the appearance of text, insert and manipulate images.
- RE**
- We will explore the faiths of Hinduism and Sikhism. We will explore beliefs around special buildings and sacred texts. We will also think about the importance of food in these faiths.
- PSHE**
- Our 'emotions' work will look at what affects our feelings and the importance of expressing them in different ways. Our 'relationships' work will explore positive family life and our role in caring for and helping our family members.
- Art and DT**
- In Art we will research and create our own cave paintings. This will include making natural dyes and paints. In DT we will design and make flying dinosaurs.
- Music**
- In Music, we will listen to the world around us and learn to create a range of live and recorded soundscapes to reflect the natural world.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Parents Evening - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Red Nose Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

