



# Classes 2 and 3 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Classes 2 and 3 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 describe a character. We will develop verbal and written descriptions, and explore new vocabulary to describe different features of a familiar character.

**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. We will begin to explore the concepts of odd and even numbers, and counting on in 2s, 5s and 10s using songs and actions.

**Computing:** We will revisit and develop our knowledge and skills for staying safe online. We will then move on to developing our keyboard skills by typing text accurately.

**Humanities:** In our Geography, we will be learning about the countries and cities of the UK. We will then move on to begin to locate different countries of the world. In History, we will be delving into Tudor times to learn about Henry VIII and find out how lives and homes then were familiar and different to our own.

**PE:** We will develop our fitness levels through participation in different sporting activities. In Gymnastics we will explore and develop control of our bodies and movement.

**PSHCE:** In our work on personal relationships, we will share and explore who loves and cares for us. We will then move on to looking after ourselves through exploring healthy food choices and walking safely on pathways next to roads.

**RE:** Across the term we will learn about special stories, names, people, places and objects at home for Jewish and Christian families.

**Science:** We start the year by developing our five senses. We will then explore more ways of looking after our bodies, including our daily routines of washing our hands and brushing our teeth.

**Art:** The Tudors will inspire our Art work this term. We will learn to use colour and pattern to create Tudor roses and then we will work on manipulating materials to design and make a Tudor style house.

**Food:** We will learn how to prepare ourselves to work with food safely, and become familiar with a range of equipment in the kitchen. We will explore where different food comes from and prepare our own simple snacks.

**Performing Arts:** Through singing and using instruments, we will explore rhythm and learn to keep a steady pulse. We will then move on to singing in unison and prepare a Nativity performance for our family and friends at the end of term.

## **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 - 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. If you think your child may be entitled for 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.

