

## **Spring Term**

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all managed to have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

# Curriculum

Our new, exciting topic for the Spring Term is – Hot and Spicy with a focus on the British Empire. We will be covering the following areas -

#### English

 We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills through our phonic programme Read, Write Inc. In extended writing we will undertake further writing opportunities linked to our topic.

#### Maths

• We will continue working on our basic skills of times tables and number. Later we will look at fractions and statistics.

#### Science

 We will look at healthy diets and the impact of unhealthy diets including starvation and obesity. Later we will look further at materials and explore acids and alkalis.

#### Humanities

 Through historical enquiry, we will explore The British Empire both expansion and reduction. We will look at important figures such as Gandhi.
As part of geography, we will learn about the physical and human features of India and study the effects of urbanisation on the country.

#### Computing

• We will be learning how to set up spreadsheets and exploring how the same data can be shown in different ways.

## RE

• The focus this term is on Hinduism and Sikhism. We will start off looking at birth, marriage and death in Hinduism. We will continue to celebrate diversity and how this brings us all together.

#### **PSHCE**

 We will learn about enterprise and staying healthy. We will also have some sessions led by Brook on relationships.

### Art

 In art we are going to look at materials and textures and create an Indian inspired piece.

#### **Technologies**

 Our work in DT will focus on masks and models. In Food, we will continue to learn about food hygiene, consumer awareness and preparing simple dishes.

# Performing Arts

• In music, we will try to compose a piece of music linked to our topic.

#### PE

 We will continue to take part in individual and competitive games and strive to improve our skills.

# Class 7, 8, 9 &

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#### **Newsletter**

# Spring Term 2023

Hot and Spicy



# Break and lunchtime clubs

- Sports (football, basketball etc.)
- Board games
- Art
- Musical instruments
- Singing
- Library

# Forthcoming Events in spring:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023- World book day

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Parents evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Coffee Morning

Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on the dates.

#### **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.

### PE Kit and uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled.

# 'Warmth and Wellbeing Helpline?'

Milton Keynes City Council is funding a free 'Warmth and Wellbeing Helpline?' MK residents can call free phone **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.





Our School Website is updated regularly for key updates, term dates, events and other useful information. Follow the link below:

https://whitespireschool.org.uk/school-calendar

#### **Free School Meals Online Application**



If 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:

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

Our school menu and order form can be downloaded from the website:

https://www.whitespireschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf/Lunch Order Form.pdf



#### **Daily Home School Communication**



Please ensure the school diary is sent into school every day and check it for regular updates.