



White Spire School

Spring Term

Happy New Year we hope you all had a fantastic break. We are really excited about what this term will bring. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or queries!

**Classes 11,
12 and 13
Newsletter
Spring Term
2024**

Curriculum

During the Spring Term we will be covering the following areas -

English

- Our theme is '**Gothic Horror**' we will be reading **Frankenstein** and looking at different text types. Based around the story we will look at features of diaries, letters and stories. We will then write our own versions. Later in the term we will be focusing on listening and responding. We will continue to work on spelling and handwriting.

Maths

- Our focus will be on **Size, Space and Measures**. We will look at a range of measures in length, capacity and weight. We will measure a range of items and compare them. We will work on using a range of equipment to measure items. We will continue to work on mental maths skills with number and times tables.

Science

- We will continue to work on the practical element of science. Planning investigations, recording results and drawing conclusions.

Options

- As part of our options we will be working on a range of different activities depending on the option chosen. In Art we will continue working on our Arts Award work. In D of E we will look at map reading, symbols and working out distances.

Computing

- We will be looking at how we communicate through technology. We will look at different ways to communicate including emails, text messages, video calls, phone calls and group calls.

RE

- We will be exploring Hinduism and Sikhism this term. We will look at key celebrations to mark birth and death.

PSHCE and Life Skills

- We will learn about banking and the difference between debit and credit. We will look at how to stay safe when we are out and about.

Diaries

Please continue to check diaries daily for notes/points/letters etc.



Interventions and Clubs

Our lunchtime/breaktime clubs will continue this term and will focus on a variety of social skills and activities.



PE

PE will continue to be twice weekly. Please make sure children come in wearing appropriate clothing to take part in activities, even outdoor activities.

Forthcoming Events/Dates:

- Parents Evening – 29th February
- Wk Beginning 26th February – Careers week
- 7th March World Book Day



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

Trips

We will let you know about any trips that are going ahead via diaries.



Careers

Years 10 and 11 are important years for considering next steps. Children will take part in a careers week this term. Our theme this term will be '**Ready to Work, Work Ready**'. During the week we will take part in a range of activities to promote awareness of careers as well as focusing on what we need to do to be ready for a day at work.

It is **vital** you continue to support children in this area.

Year 10 Ways to Support

- * Continue to support with the development of independence skills e.g. tying laces, money awareness, transport awareness.
- * Look at MK College Website, Christian Foundation or MK Snap. Consider attending an open day so you are aware of the options.
- * Talk to your child about what they like doing and suitable jobs for the future.

Year 11 Ways to Support

- * Your child has made the decision to stay or leave now. If they are **leaving** please support them by attending interviews etc. If they are staying please continue to talk to them about their next steps.
- * Talk to your child about interests and choices.
- * Make sure you attend the EHCP meeting, when asked.
- * Make sure your child has a working/monitored email address for applications etc.
- * Continue to work on developing independence skills at home e.g. awareness of money.

MK College Open Days

20th Jan 2024

19th March 2024

7th May 2024



Attendance

We regularly monitor progress, targets and acquisition of new skills. We continue to monitor individual attendance and class attendance. Last term where children didn't meet targets it was directly linked to attendance.

How you can help -

- Please make routine medical appointments outside of school hours.
- Do not book holidays during school time.
- Have clear routines for getting up and coming to school.
- Discuss the importance of regular attendance.



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

