



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 14,
15 and 16
Newsletter
Spring Term
2024**

Curriculum

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

English

- Our main text is '**Gulliver's Travels**'. We will be working on developing writing skills. We will be looking at grammar and punctuation to improve our writing. We will continue to work on learning basic spellings, presentation and speaking and listening skills.

Maths

- Our focus will be on '**Calculations**'. We will be looking at all four operations and using them to solve problems with real-life problems such as rent and bills. We will continue to work on mental maths skills including rapid recall of number facts and times tables.

Options

- As part of our options we will be working on a range of different activities depending on the option chosen. The first half of term the options selected are **Childcare or Photography**. The second half of term the options selected are **Volunteering or Car Care**.

RE

- This term we will be looking at Hinduism and Sikhism. We will look at key beliefs and how these impact daily life choices e.g. food eaten. We will compare these with our own daily choices.

PSHCE

- We will continue to learn about next steps after school. We will also learn about contraceptives and STIs.

Cooking

- We will continue to work on basic skills in cooking. We will prepare dishes that we can make on our own. This will help us with our independent skills.

Vocational

- We will work on planning a trip within a budget. We will look at costings, paperwork, permissions etc.

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. Sometimes these activities may be outside.

Trips

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

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.

Careers

Years 12 and 13 are important years for considering next steps. Children will take part in a careers week this term. Our theme this year will be **'Ready to Work, Work Ready'**. During the week we will take part in a range of activities. This will be real-life work experiences. It is **vital** you continue to support children in this area.

Year 12 Ways to Support

- * Continue to support with the development of independence skills.
- * Look at MK College Website, Christian Foundation or MK Snap. Make sure you attend an open day event so you are aware of the options at the end of **Year 13**.
- * Talk to your child about what they like doing and suitable jobs for the future.

Year 13 Ways to Support

- * Your child will have made the decision to leave or stay. If they are leaving, their last of school will be **Friday 28th June 2024**.
- * If your child is leaving please support them with attending interviews and keeping the school informed.
- * Make sure you attend the EHCP meeting, when asked.
- * If your child is staying onto Year 14. Please continue to look at options/attend open days etc. This will help you make decisions during the Autumn term of Year 14.
- * Continue to work on developing independence skills as home.

Year 14 Ways to Support

- * Their last of school will be **Friday 28th June 2024**.
- * Please make sure they attend relevant interviews and let the school know when they have secured a place.
- * Make sure they attend transition days.
- * Talk about emotions, feeling nervous is normal. There are social stories available on our website, if needed.

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. We also share attendance information with the colleges/employers.

How you can help -

- **Please make routine medical appointments outside of school hours.**
- **Do not book holidays during school time.**
- **Have clear routines.**
- **Discuss the importance of regular attendance.**



Free School Meals Online Application

If you think your child may be entitled to 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

