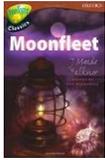


# White Spire School KS5 Newsletter



We are so pleased that everyone is finally back together safe and well. The first few weeks have been successful with everyone adapting to the 'new normal'. As we continue to adapt, we are looking forward to providing some exciting learning opportunities and adapting to our new normal. The term is going to be busy as usual and quite different from the norm! There will be lots of changes including staggered playtimes, lunchtimes and hygiene measures. The children and adults have been organised into their own little class bubbles. We are looking forward to working together to achieve the best outcomes for all of our pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries about your child

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
English	<p>Our work in English has been based around the text 'White Fang'. The first half of term has been focusing on the purpose of texts, spelling patterns and writing. After half-term we will be working on non-fiction and this will be based around wolves. We are also introducing a new handwriting scheme focusing on presentation and joined writing. Year 14 are working on reading for independent living - understanding basic contracts and health and safety.</p> 	<p>In the Spring Term, our English work will be based around the text 'Gulliver's Travels.' Our focus will be on writing a variety of texts including planning and editing them. We will continue to work on developing knowledge of spelling patterns. We will continue working on our presentation skills.</p> 	<p>In the Summer Term, our English work will be based around the text 'Moonfleet.' Our focus will be on speaking and listening skills. We develop ideas for how to express opinions about particular subjects. We will continue to work on developing basic spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.</p> 
Maths	<p>Later in the term our focus will be 'Time, Money and Temperature'. We will be reading and setting the clock in both 12 and 24 hours times. We also look at common date formats and how to record them numerically. With money, we will be working on simple addition and subtraction with real life problems.</p>	<p>This term we will continue to develop our core maths skills. Any help you can give developing skills with money and times tables will support us further. We will also be focusing on fractions/percentages and decimals.</p>	<p>In the summer, we will continue to work on developing our knowledge of the number system and understanding how maths is used in real life scenarios. We will develop maths skills using measures/shape/timetables and money.</p>
PSHCE	<p>Our PSHCE curriculum will continue to focus on understanding recent events, sharing worries and accepting who we are and why we are unique. We have also been working on teamwork challenges and recognising why we socially distance.</p>	<p>Our PSHCE focus will be on developing professional attitudes considering aspects such as confidentiality, harassment, bullying etc. We will also look at dependency and the impact it can have.</p>	<p>This term our focus will be looking at how to maintain a healthy body and mind, including balancing online activities. Later, we will look diversity and inclusion.</p>

<p><b><u>Vocational Skills</u></b></p> <p>We will be looking at a range of topics linked to ourselves and the environment and will be undertaking coursework on a variety of topics over the year.</p>	<p><b><u>PE</u></b></p> <p>We will begin to have PE lessons in a Covid secure manner with a range of activities that help us develop our awareness of wellbeing and a healthy body.</p>	<p><b><u>Calendar</u></b></p> <p>The calendar is quite clear at the moment. Please continue to check the diaries for any further information.</p>
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<p><b><u>Thank You</u></b></p> <p>We were so amazed by the all the effort children put into their remote learning during lockdown. So, a <b>BIG</b> thank you from all of us for your support.</p>	<p><b><u>Free School Meals Online Application</u></b></p> <p>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:  <a href="https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/">https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/</a></p>
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