



# 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, 13 and 14  
Newsletter  
Spring Term  
2025**

## Curriculum

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

### English

- Our theme is '**Detectives**' we will be reading **Sherlock Holmes or Shifty McGrifty**. We will be looking at features of detective stories and the characters involved. We will also be looking at different word types including nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives etc to improve our writing. **This work forms part of our coursework, poor attendance can impact completion of units.** We will also work on comprehension and spelling skills.

### Maths

- Our focus will be on '**Money, Time and Temperature.**' We will look at a range of equipment for measuring time and temperature. We will explore negative numbers. Later we will look at money including adding money, rounding money and working out change. **This work forms part of our coursework, poor attendance can impact completion of units.**

### 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 developing painting skills. In D of E we will look at map reading, symbols and working out distances.

### Computing

- We will be looking at how we can collect data and analyse it using different software.

### RE

- We will be exploring Hinduism and Sikhism this term. We will look at key beliefs and how pilgrimages are important.

### PSHCE and Life Skills

- We will learn about healthy lifestyles including how to maintain good mental health. In Life Skills we will learn about credit cards and loans.

### Cooking

- We will continue to work on basic cooking skills. Some of us will be looking at hospitality and serving customers.

## 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:**

- Wk Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March – Careers week
- 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety 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 '**Working 9 to 5.**' We will be looking at what we need to be ready for work including how we might travel to work, what we might wear to work and what we might need in a bag. During the week we will take part in a range of activities to promote awareness of careers.

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. **Their leaving day will be June 27<sup>th</sup> 2025.** 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** - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 10:00am – 1pm

**Moulton College Open Days** - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 10:00am – 1pm

12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 5pm -7pm SEND event



## 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. **Poor attendance can also impact completion of exam units.** Supporting attendance also helps children prepare for work.

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 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](https://www.whitespireschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf/Lunch_Order_Form.pdf)

### Clever Never Goes

We continue to teach children about awareness of personal safety when out and about. Please support us by discussing this with your child. There are several websites that offer support in this area –

<https://clevernevergoes.org/>

[https://safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone\\_stranger-danger](https://safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger).