

## Spring Term

Welcome back and a very happy new year. We hope you've had a good break. We are looking forward to an exciting new year of learning and activities ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

## Curriculum

### English

- We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills through our phonic programme Read, Write Inc. In extended writing we will plan, write and edit fiction and non-fiction texts including descriptive and persuasive genres.

### Maths

- We will continue working on our basic skills of times tables and number. As well as revisiting previous learnt concepts, we will develop our written methods involving multiplication, division and fractions.

### Science

- We will explore materials and their properties through experiments and investigations.

### Humanities

- Through historical enquiry, we will explore The British Empire both in 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 explore email as a form of communication, how to attach documents and keeping safe online.

### RE

- The focus this term is on Hinduism and Sikhism. We will examine how the process of worship and rules of religion impact on individual life style and day to day living.

### PSHCE and Life Skills

- Our learning will focus on emotional and physical wellbeing through focusing on puberty and concept of consent. We will continue to develop understanding of road safety.

### Art

- Through exploration of materials and textures, we will create Indian inspired pieces involving sculptures and drawings.

### Cooking

- In Food, we will continue to learn about food hygiene, consumer awareness and preparing simple dishes with pasta.

### Performing Arts

- In music, we will try to compose a piece of music linked to our topic. We will create short drama pieces and learn how costumes and props enhance performances.

### PE

- We will continue to take part in individual and competitive games such as gymnastics and hockey. We will strive to improve our personal best.

**Classes 6, 7, 8,  
9 & 10**

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### **British Empire**



### **Lunch time Clubs**

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- Sports (football, basketball etc.)
- Library
- Rag dolly Anna's
- Drumming

### **Forthcoming Events:**

World book day: 6th  
March 2025



**Coffee Morning:**  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**Careers Week:** 19th  
March 2025



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

### Attendance

We believe regular school attendance is essential to achievement. Please help us by ensuring your child attends school every day.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform and each item is labelled with your child's name.

#### **School Website**

Our school website is updated regularly. Please follow the link below for key information:  
<https://www.whitespireschool.org.uk/>

### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



#### **Term Dates Spring 2025**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens for pupils
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter

After School Club offers a variety of activities.

Advance booking is required, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.



## **School**



Breakfast Club is open daily from 8am to 8.30am.



### Equipment



Please note children will not need to bring in their own pencil cases or resources. Please help us by not sending in any toys or soothers.

### 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).

### Daily Home School Communication



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

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>