

# Spittal School Year 4 - Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

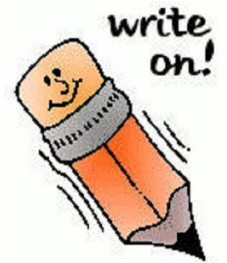
Please encourage your child to read their reading books at least three times a week and complete their weekly homework spelling and times table tasks. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Mutch

## Literacy

This term we are going to study two books. The first is called 'Tar Beach and it's a wonderful story all about New York City. Our second book is entitled 'The Mermaid of Zennor' and this story is very different, as it is set in Cornwall and is all about a Merrymaid and her relationship with a boy called Tom. We will be working hard on developing both our handwriting and the content of our written work this term. We will also be improving our spelling and grammar.



## Maths

We hope to explore place value, addition and subtraction and area this half term. We will also try and solve more difficult maths puzzles and problems using our problem solving and reasoning skills. We will be working very hard on learning our times table and I would be very grateful if you could help your child with this task in preparation for the government's summer multiplication test.



## History

We are going to study local history this term. The children will go for a walk in their local environment and look at the history of the buildings in Spittal. We are going to learn about some of the Tudor Kings and Queens and their impact on Berwick. We will be learning about why the castle and the walls were built.

## Science

This half term we will be looking at the human digestive system. We will be naming and learning about the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system. We will be learning to identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. We will then be constructing and interpreting food chains, creating some of our own. The children will be taking part in a variety of experiments!

## Computing



We will start the year by discussing the importance of staying safe online. We will be learning about what cyberbullying is and what we have to do if we think we know of any cyberbullying. We will be finding out the answers to the following questions; Can I believe what I read, what is safe to share, what is the worldwide web and what is a network?

## Geography

We will be looking at location, place and the United Kingdom. We will be learning to name and locate countries in the United Kingdom and we will be learning to name and locate the countries and cities of England. We will also be learning how to name and locate hills, mountains, coasts and rivers

## Physical Education

We will be doing P.E. on a Wednesday and Friday this term so please ensure that your child wears the appropriate P.E. kit on those days.

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