

# Spittal School Year 4 - Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone has had a happy, fun-packed Christmas break. 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

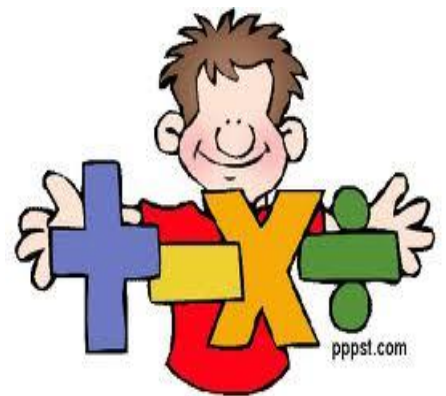
## Literacy

This term we are continuing to study first is called 'The Selfish Giant', this is the most famous and didactic fairy tales by Oscar Wilde. It talks about the power of love and kindness that brings spring even to the coldest heart. The second book is called Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll where children will use the language of the poem to investigate and explore before performing the poem and eventually creating their own nonsense verse. 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 multiplication, division, length, perimeter and fractions this 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 Ancient Greece this term. We will look at how civilisation developed in Ancient Greece and the legacy it left behind for future generations. We will also look in detail at the

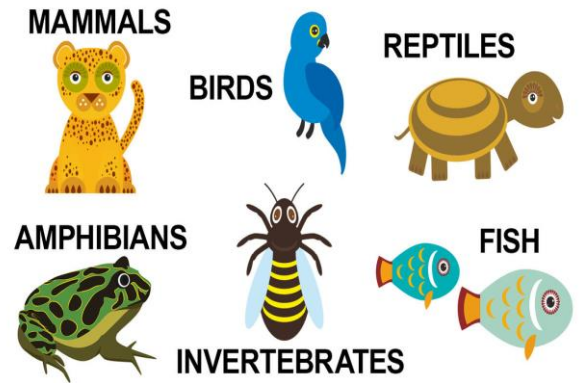
### ANCIENT GREECE CLIP ART SET



city states of Athens and Sparta, Greek soldiers, Greek religion and Greek architecture, sculpture and food.

## Science

We will be looking at how we classify organisms in the animal and plant kingdoms. We will learn about vertebrates and invertebrates and study different types of animals for example amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds and fish. We will look at how scientists classify organisms and the reasons behind their decisions. We will also look at classification keys and attempt to use them to classify some different types of creatures.



## RE

In RE we will be focusing on our question, “What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?”.

## Physical Education

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

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