

Spittal School Year 5 - Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Yours faithfully Mr Moscrop

Literacy

This half term, we will be studying one fantastic book:

The Lost Happy Endings



We will be working hard on developing both handwriting and the content of our writing. Our focus will also include improving spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Through the book, children will be exploring a variety of writing styles including poetry, diary entry and narrative writing.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring:

- Fractions
- Perimeter/ Area

We will also be tackling more challenging puzzles and problems to strengthen our reasoning and problem-solving skills.



Learning times tables remains a key priority, and I would be very grateful for your continued support in helping your child practise regularly at home. This will lay strong foundations as we look ahead to their Year 6 SATs.

Geography

This half term, Year 5 will be covering the topic 'Investigating Rivers'. We will be looking at rivers around the world and also the UK. In addition to this, we will be looking at the features of a river and how they change from the beginning to the end. The class will also look at why rivers are important and why they are used.

Science

This term in Year Science, students will be exploring the fascinating topic of the properties of materials. They will investigate how different materials look and feel, and learn to describe and compare their properties such as hardness, flexibility, transparency, and absorbency. Through hands-on experiments and practical activities, pupils will develop their observation and classification skills while discovering how materials are chosen for specific purposes in everyday life. This unit will encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and scientific vocabulary as students begin to understand the world around them in a more structured and meaningful way.

Physical Education

- PE will take place on Wednesdays and Thursday by the Newcastle Foundation – please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit. If so, can children bring to school a pair of shin pads and gum shield. If you have any problems with this, please contact Mr Moscrop.

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