

# Spittal School Year 4 - Autumn Term 2 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

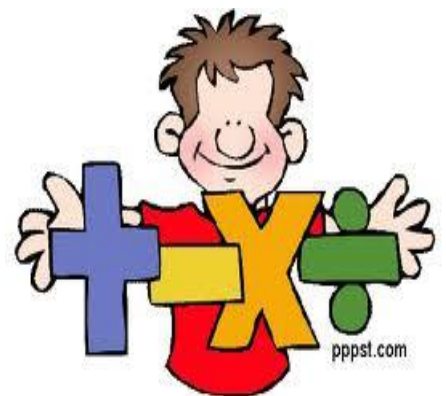
This term we are going to study two books. The first is called 'Winter's Child' in which children explore and are immersed in the theme of the story, making predictions about what might happen if you are not careful what you wish for. Our second book is 'Selfish Giant' is a beloved tale by Oscar Wilde. It includes themes of love, forgiveness and redemption, this story will help children build compassion towards the characters and develop empathy for those who find themselves in difficult emotional situations.



We will continue to work hard on developing both our handwriting and using expanded noun phrases in our work. We will also be improving our spelling. Our Spellings are linked to each story that we read and some are quite challenging. As a class we try to come up with rhymes or sayings to help us remember how to spell certain words.

## Maths

We will be continuing to explore addition and subtraction, measurement- area and multiplication and division 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. The children enjoy using j2Blast, Timestables Rockstar and we are going to be using White Rose Maths 1-Minute Maths app.

## Science

This half term we will continue to look at the human digestive system. We have been naming and learning about the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system. This half term we will focus on construction and interpreting food chains. The children will be taking part in a variety of experiments!

## RE

This half term we will be answering the question 'What do Hindus believe that God is like?'. We will learn about the range of 'Aum' symbols and what they mean. In class we will be learning about the story of Svetaketu and finding out about what happens at an act of puja at home.

## Geography

We will be looking at biomes. We will be learning to name and locate different biomes and their climates. We will learn about the different animals that live in certain biomes.

## Physical Education

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

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