

Spittal School Year 5 - Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year in Year 5!

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

Yours faithfully Mr Moscrop

Literacy

This term, we will be studying two fantastic books:

 *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*

 *Robot Girl*



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 these texts, children will be exploring a variety of writing styles including narrative, newspaper reports, and biography.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- 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.

History

Our topic this term is:

Changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

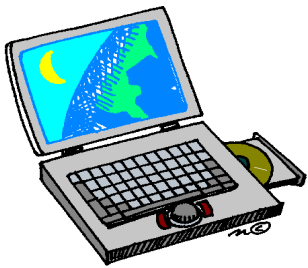
Children will explore how life evolved throughout these historical periods, using historical evidence to make comparisons and deepen their understanding of early human history.

Science

Our Science topic is Animals Including Humans.

We will be learning about how the human body changes over time, including a discussion on puberty to help children understand how and why their bodies change as they grow.

Computing



We will begin the year by discussing the importance of online safety. Topics include:

- What is cyberbullying?
- What should we do if we or someone we know is experiencing it?

In addition, children will begin learning how to use Google Drawings to create digital work and develop their computing skills.

Physical Education

- PE will take place on Thursdays – please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit.
- Swimming is on Fridays – don't forget to send your child with their swimming kit each week.