

# Year 4 Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope everybody has had a wonderful half-term holiday. As I'm sure you are aware the children will soon be making their transition from Spittal school to their new schools after the summer holidays. The children will be visiting their new schools over the next half term. This term is always packed with extra activities for the children, and I hope your child thoroughly enjoys their last term at Spittal school.

Best Wishes,

Mr Hair

## Literacy

We will be reading and studying a new picture book this term entitled 'The Ever-Changing Earth'. This book is all about the history of the earth and is very lavishly illustrated by Graham Baker-Smith. Following on from this we shall be studying another book called 'Change Sings' written by Amanda Gorman which illustrates through poetic verse how children can change the world. The whole school will be studying this book as we are using it for our creative project. As always, we will be working on improving our writing as well as improving our reading, handwriting and spelling.



## Maths



In maths we will be learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be working on statistics, graphs, position and direction. Throughout the term our emphasis will be on developing our mathematical vocabulary, reasoning and problem solving.

## Science – Electricity

We will find out all about how electricity is generated, and which kinds of electricity are safe to experiment with. We will also examine how to stay safe around electricity,

what makes an electrical circuit function and how switches work. We will investigate which materials make good electrical conductors and insulators.

### Geography – Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes



In this exciting unit of work we will be investigating, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. Firstly, we will identify significant mountain ranges in the United Kingdom and the rest of the World. Following on from this we will look into how mountains are formed. Then we will study how volcanoes are created and the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano. Finally, we will examine earthquakes.

### Information and Communication Technology

We will be computer programming this term using the MIT computer programming language Scratch which has been especially designed for children. We will also learn how to improve and debug our coding.

### Religious Education

We will be looking at what Christians believe was the impact of Pentecost when Jesus left and how and why people mark significant events in their lives.

### Physical Education

Please ensure your child is dressed in the appropriate P. E. Kit on P.E. days. Year 4 will be swimming on Fridays this term. Please make sure they have their kit and inhalers in school.

### Physical, Health and Social Education

This term we will be following our most excellent 'Jigsaw' scheme of work.

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