

# Spittal School Year 5 - Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

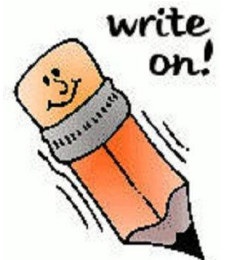
Please encourage your child to read their reading book at least three times a week and complete their weekly homework tasks, including SPAG, comprehension and Timestables Rockstars. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully Mr Moscrop

## Literacy

This term, we will be studying the fantastic book:

*Percy Jackson and the Olympians 'The Lightning Thief'*



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 poetry, diary entry and non-chronological reports.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring:

- Multiplication and Division

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 exploring the amazing continent of North America! We will discover its diverse landscapes, from icy Canada to sunny Mexico, and learn about the different countries, cultures, and landmarks that make it so unique. Pupils will use maps, atlases, and digital tools to locate key features and compare life in North America with our own here in the UK.

## Science

In Science, Year 5 will be investigating how living things depend on their habitats to survive. We will explore life cycles, adaptations, and how different environments support a variety of plants and animals. Pupils will take part in exciting classification activities and hands-on investigations to better understand the balance of nature and the importance of protecting our planet's ecosystems.

## 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 continue using their knowledge and understanding that they gained in Year 4 of 'Scratch' to create some excellent coding.

## Physical Education

- PE will take place on Thursday mornings – 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.