

# Spittal School Year 4 - Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone has had a lovely half term break. Can you believe we are half way through the school year, already? 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, don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hair

## Literacy

This term we are going to study two books. The first is called 'Cinnamon' and it's a beautifully illustrated story about an Indian princess who forms a friendship with a tiger. Our second book is entitled 'The Baker by the Sea' and this story is about a little seaside village very similar to Spittal. We will be working hard on developing both our handwriting and the content of our written work this term. We will also be improving our spelling and grammar.



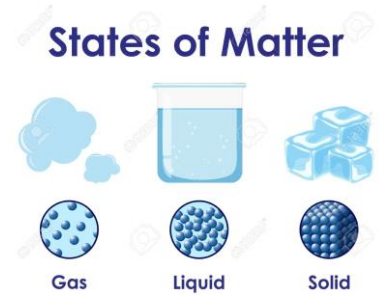
## Maths

We are continuing to develop our knowledge of fractions this term. First we will be looking at equivalent fractions and following on from this we will be looking at fractions greater than one. We will explore how you can convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. We will also look at how we can add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. Following on from our work on fractions we will begin to explore decimals. 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.



## Science

We will be looking at states of matter this term. We will investigate solids, liquids and gases and try and recognise describe and define matter in the various states. We will look at how heating and cooling can change the state of matter and explore scientific ideas like melting and solidifying. Finally, we will also learn about the water cycle.



## Computing



We will learn how to program simple sprites using the 'Busy Things' computer programming modules within School 360. Following on from this we will use 'Scratch' a children's programming language developed by MIT to do some slightly more complex programming.

## Geography

We will be looking at Europe this term. We will use maps and atlases to locate the continent of Europe and will learn about the countries and capital cities that make it up. We will also look at it's trading relationship with the United Kingdom and some significant human and physical features within the continent.



## Physical Education

We will be doing P.E. on a Monday and Tuesday this term so please ensure that your child wears the appropriate P.E. kit on those days. On Mondays the children will be doing gymnastics and on Tuesdays they will be playing invasion games.

## Music

We will be exploring some new songs with our wonderful interactive music scheme named 'Charanga'. We will also be learning to play the drums with our musical expert Mr Easton.