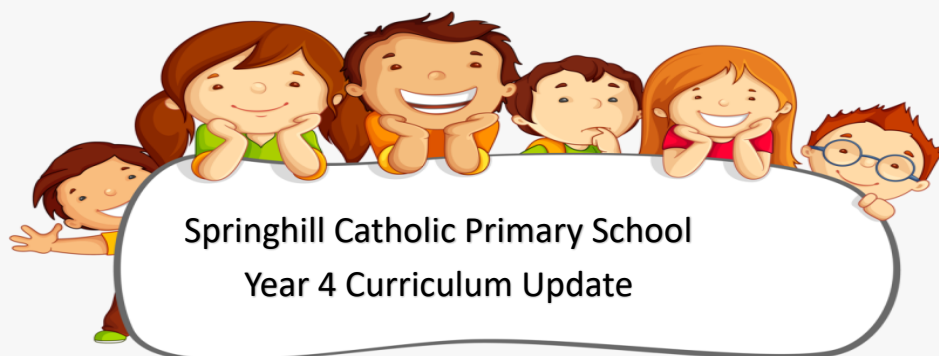




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Autumn 2 —2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our new half termly newsletter which will give you a flavour of what your child will be learning and experiencing in year 4 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Guardians,

I hope you all had a peaceful half term break.

The main focus for this term in year 4 is to master the basic skills required to be able to unlock the next part of the curriculum. There will be a big emphasis on the following skills:

- spelling, grammar and punctuation
- times tables up to 12 x 12
- arithmetic methods for mental and written calculation
- reading speed and fluency
- joined handwriting

In **RE**, we will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching and what the Prophets revealed about The Messiah during our unit on Advent.

For **reading** lessons, we are continuing to work on fluency, speed and stamina. It is important that children in year 4 can read longer texts with sustained focus, concentration and understanding.

All of the children's **writing** this half term will be centred around the novel: *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman. They will learn a variety of skills including using fronted adverbials with commas after them.

In **maths** we are immersing ourselves in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as well as tackling more complex reasoning problems involving measurement and statistics.

Our **science** topic is sound and we will be moving on from our geography unit and introducing the children to the exciting topic of Roman Britain in **history**.

We will be finishing our art project on drawing human hands and moving onto **design technology** where the children will sew their own Roman style purses.

For **PSHE**, the children will be learning about relationships and treating others with respect.

In **music**, the children are excited to be learning to perform to an audience in their Advent Celebrations—rehearsals begin this week!

As well as a continued focus on online safety, Miss Gallagher's **computing** lessons will involve audio production and digital sound.

For **PE**, we will be continuing with our gymnastics and games rotations from last half term. PE will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon in year 4.

Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

An exciting addition to this half term is swimming lessons! Each class will take part in daily swimming lessons for a full week—4JH begin next week.

We look forward to seeing you online for parents meetings next week. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Lacey

Please remember to read daily with your child and complete the reading challenge. Daily reading will ensure your child has the best start in life.