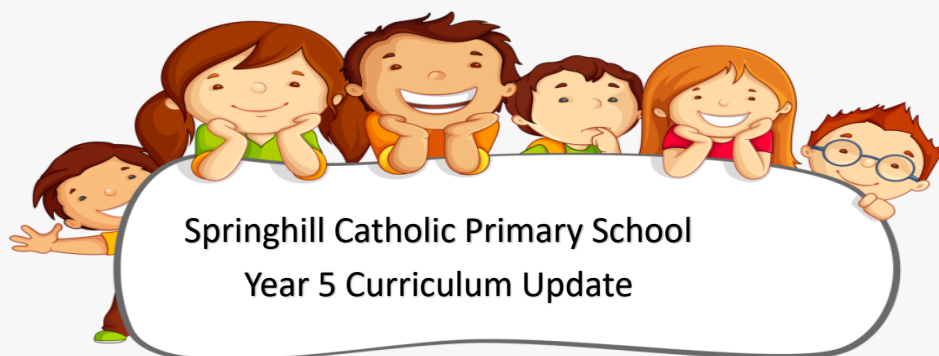




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## 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 5 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.

Dear Year 5 Parents/ Guardians,

I hope you all had a peaceful half term break and that your children are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for them over the next seven weeks—this term is certainly promising to be a busy one for year 5!

In **RE**, we will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching and how we have prepared, and will continue to prepare, for the coming of Christ during Advent.

For **reading** lessons, we will be teaching the children to use some deeper inference skills in order to help them to understand more complex texts. Our class novel this half term is an interesting story told from two perspectives (The Light in Everything by Katya Balen).

In **writing**, the children will be using the book 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S Lewis to write setting and character descriptions as well as location-slip stories with a wintery theme.

In **maths**, we are exploring decimal place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as well as tackling more complex reasoning problems involving measurement and statistics.

**PSHE** will centre around inclusion, diversity and living in the wider world.

**History:** The first unit of teaching is all about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of Eng-

**Computing:** Miss Gallagher will be teaching year 5 about video productions and green screens. In addition there is a continued focus on keeping yourself safe online.

**DT:** The first year 5 design and technology unit is textiles based. The children will be making Christmas wall hangings using their sewing and print skills.

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

In year 5 **science**, we will be learning about forces and gravity while answering questions such as 'what makes some objects fall faster than others?'

For **PE**, we will be continuing with our gymnastics and games rotations from last half term. PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. 5LK will have one of their PE lessons on a Monday afternoon from next week so please ensure that their full PE kit is in school every day.

We are delighted that The Solent Kestrels basketball team will be delivering some PE sessions to year 5 this term!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support with homework—especially the daily arithmetic sheets. Our recent assessments show that the children's calculation skills are really coming along!

*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.