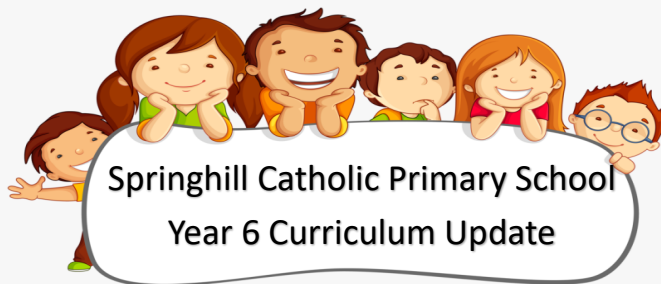




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



**Autumn 2 2023**

**Dear parents and carers,**

**Welcome to our half termly newsletter which will give you a flavour of what your child will be learning and experiencing in year 6 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.**

Wow– what an amazing first half term we have had! The year 6 team are extremely impressed with the way your children have settled in to the year 6 routines and, on the whole, their behaviour has been exceptionally good! The horse riding sessions were a great success and it was wonderful to see the children undertaking such a unique experience.

This half term is another busy one as the magic of Christmas takes hold. We will be celebrating in lots of different ways including a beautiful carol concert at St Edmund's Church and a Victorian Christmas dress up day where we will learn about how the Victorian's influenced our modern-day Christmas traditions.

In **writing** this half term, your child will be doing some cross-curricular work linked to their history topic. They will be creating a gruesome report on crime and punishment in the Victorian era and also analysing settings and characters from *A Christmas Carol* and other novels written by Charles Dickens.

In **maths**, we will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages and learning about the equivalence between the three. We will continue to improve our arithmetic skills through our daily warm ups and our homework.

Our 'Big think' question for our **RE** learning this half term is, '*How should we use Advent to be prepared, ready and alert?*' As we explore this next unit, we will be looking at scripture from the New Testament including The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids and understanding how we can be spiritually ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**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.**

In **history**, we will be learning about Victorian Britain and considering the impact the Victorians have had on our modern-day society. We will be studying Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution and looking at Victorian houses and the difference between the rich and poor. During our Victorian Christmas dress up day, the children will make authentic Victorian Christmas decorations, sing Victorian Christmas carols and bake bread using a Victorian recipe. We will send out more information nearer the time.

Our second **science** topic is electricity which is extremely popular as it means lots of circuit building and practical investigations. The children will also be drawing electrical circuits using scientific symbols and hypothesising about how variations in circuits change the way different components function.

In our **music** lessons, Mr Wyatt will be taking the lead on our Christmas carol concert preparations and we are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy sharing it with us at St Edmund's Church on Thursday 7th December at 5.30 pm.

**Remember, we are here to help– if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us! From Miss Calver and the year 6 team**

#### **Dates for the diary**

All Saints Mass– 1st November  
Parents' Evenings– 8th and 9th November  
School photos– 9th November  
Anti-bullying week– 13th November  
Crazy hair and sock day– 17th November  
Panto– 23rd November  
Christmas Fair– 1st December  
Carol concert– 7th December (5:30 at St Edmund's Church)  
Victorian dress up day– 11th December  
Christmas dinner– 13th December  
Christmas-themed dress up day– 15th December

