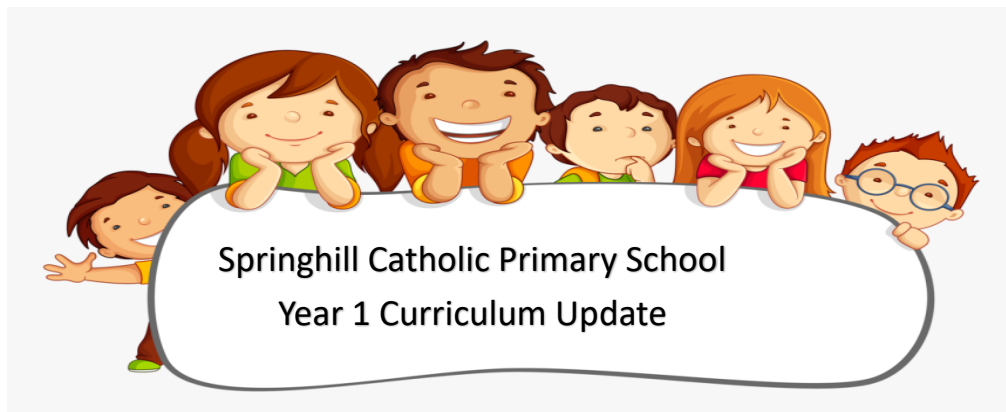




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Autumn 2 —2023

Dear parents and carers,

The children have got a very busy half term ahead in year 1 as we lead up to Christmas. The children have their 'Art on wheels' workshop on 31st October and their Advent celebration at the end of November and beginning of December.

In RE, the children will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching. They will also be learning about how we prepare for Christmas in their topic of Advent.

In reading, the children will be continuing to use their phonics knowledge to decode words. They will also be learning how to read a simple text and answer simple questions about it using the keywords who, what, when and where.

In writing this half term, the children will continue to focus on ensuring that they use correct letter formation when writing. They will be writing simple sentences using a capital letter, finger space and a full stop. The children will be introduced to sentence openers and conjunctions.

In maths, the children will be counting forwards and backwards to 50, finding one more and one less than numbers to 50 and ordering numbers to 50. The children will also be naming and describing properties of 2D shapes.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about how we are all unique and how we belong to the school community. We will also be talking about the special people in our lives and the roles which different family members play.

In art, the children will be creating monoprints and design and create a collage of a person.

In science, the children will be continuing to identify different materials and will be exploring the properties of materials, conducting investigations to help them explore this. They will also be learning about seasonal changes.

In geography, the children will be beginning to think about where we live and will be learning the names of the four countries of the United Kingdom.

In music, the children will be learning Christmas songs and will begin to think about repetition, rhyme and pitch.

In PE, the children will be continuing to use movement and expression to show emotion through dance. In gymnastics, they will be learning about flight.

In computing, the children will be exploring the world of digital art and will be creating their own digital paintings.

Key dates:

Tuesday 31st October—Art on Wheels workshop in school

Friday 17th November—Crazy hair and odd sock day

Thursday 23rd November—Panto in school

Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December—Year 1 Advent celebrations

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas dinner day

Friday 15th December—Last day of term

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.