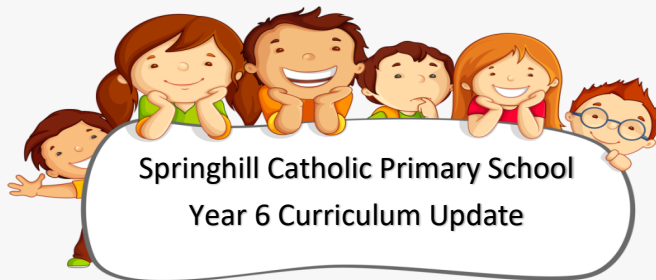




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Spring 1 2024

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.

The first half term has flown by and, just like that, the children are a third of the way through year 6! Christmas already seems like a lifetime ago but thank you for your support with Victorian Day and the Christmas carol concert at St Edmunds—both were a huge success.

The spring term is where the majority of our SATs prep takes place and this may include some slight adjustments to our homework. The first change is that we will be sending weekly SPAG homework which is due in every Friday. It is essential the homework is in on time as we will spend Friday's grammar lesson going through the answers and unpicking any misconceptions. Our daily arithmetic homework will continue but we also suggest that the children spend 5– 10 minutes a day on TT Rockstars: a sound grasp of all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 underpins so many other maths concepts and it is vital that your child knows them off by heart.

During this half term, we will be taking the children to **Marwell Zoo** to learn about animal conservation and adaptation. We will see many animals including rhinos, zebra, giraffes, snow leopards and maybe even a sloth if we are lucky! This is a superb trip which links with the geography and science curriculum *BUT* January weather is unpredictable so please ensure your child is wrapped up warm as we will be outside all day.



In **writing** this half term, your child will start with a poetry unit as the week beginning the 8th of January is Springhill's poetry week. We will be using descriptive language choices to personify winter. Our second unit of work focusses on writing and delivering persuasive speeches about environmental issues where children will be using a formal tone to deliver hard-hitting messages which will have an impact on the listener.

In **maths**, we will be focussing on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). As well as improving the children's speed and accuracy, we will also be solving multi-step problems, working with decimal numbers (including money) and making links with area and perimeter.

In **RE**, the Spring term begins with Christmas where we look in detail at Birth of Jesus, expressed as 'The Word' in St John's Gospel. We will consider why there are different accounts of the Nativity story and what can be learnt from the Prologue of St John's Gospel. Crucially, we explore the meaning of 'Incarnation' and will create our own artistic interpretations of *The Word Made Man*. Following on from this, we begin our Revelation unit which looks at the relationship St Paul enjoyed with God as well as what is meant by Apostolic Tradition. For our interfaith unit this half term we will consider the work of the ten Gurus in the Sikh religion and what their teachings are.

In **geography**, we will be learning about biomes around the world including climate zones and vegetation belts. Additionally, we will be analysing how human activity impacts different biomes both positively and negatively. We will then focus on climate change and conduct some research into renewable energy and other methods to help combat the climate crisis

In **science**, we will be learning about animals and humans. As well as classifying animals, plants and micro-organisms, we will be looking and vertebrates and invertebrates. We will also spend some time researching Carl Linnaeus who was a botanist, physician and zoologist. He developed the Linnaean system of classification. To end the unit, we will be considering the impact humans have on habitats across the globe.

Dates for the diary

Epiphany Mass— Friday 5th January

Poetry week— WB 8th January

School disco— Friday 26th January (7-8 pm)

Marwell Zoo

30th January— 6LP

31st January— 6JS

1st February— 6JP

Children's Mental Health Week— 5th-11th February

Ashes, palm burning, pancake races- 9th February

Half term— WB 12th February



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