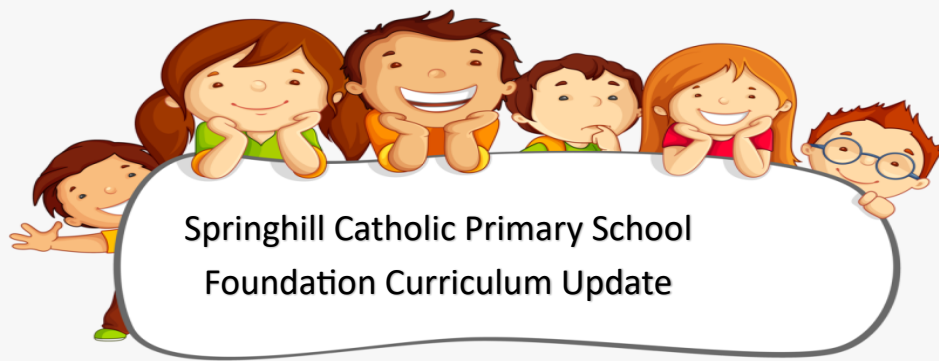




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Spring 1 —2024

Dear parents and carers,

We hope our families had a wonderful Christmas break. We have another busy half term and we are looking forward to all of the teaching and learning that is planned.

The children will continue their learning journey with our topics for this half term. They are 'Homes,' 'Christmas,' 'Chinese New Year,' 'Size' and 'Seasons.'

In RE, the children will be learning about how Jesus wants us to show love and respect to others.

In PSHE, we will be talking about what makes a good friend and what we can do if a friend makes us feel sad.

The children will be continuing their phonics journey. Some children will be revisiting sounds already taught and some children will be moving on to blending words with digraphs (two letters making one sound eg. sh).

The children will be continuing to learn how to form letters correctly, starting in the correct place. They will be using letters they know well to write simple three letter words, phrases and captions .

In maths, the children will be looking closely at numbers to ten. They will be learning to recall their number bonds to 5. They will be thinking about the vocabulary of heavier and lighter and recognising and continuing simple patterns.

In understanding the world, the children will be talking about how they celebrate Christmas in their homes. They will also be observing materials and seeing how they change. The children will be learning about Chinese New Year.

In expressive arts and design, the children will be role playing the story of the Gingerbread man. They will be using instruments to make sounds and rhythmic patterns. The children will be creating collages in art and building a chair for Baby Bear.

### **Key dates:**

Friday 5th January—Epiphany liturgy

Monday 5th—Friday 9th February—Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 9th February—Palm burning, pancake races and ashes services

Monday 12th—Sunday 18th February—HALF 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.