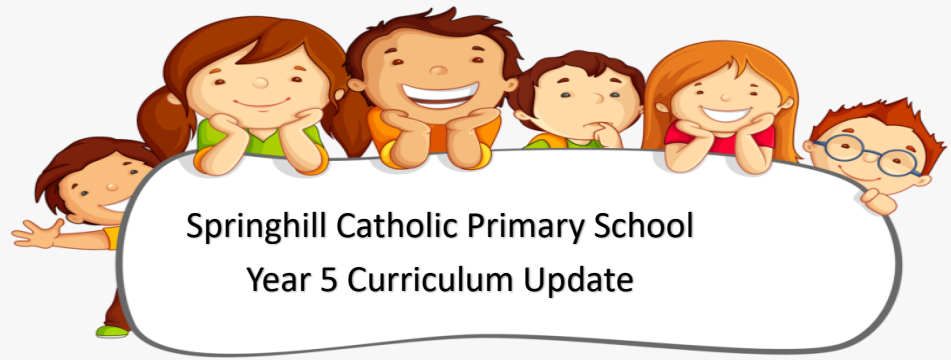




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



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

Dear Year 5 Parents/ Guardians,

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter and the children are refreshed and ready for an exciting half term.

Here is some information about what we will be teaching in year 5 this half term.

In **RE**, the children will be learning about Easter. The overall theme will be the Church's belief in eternal life. We will be looking at the Paschal Triduum, with a focus on the Easter Vigil so that the children can understand the symbolism of Easter, as well as the beliefs that lie behind it. They will then be looking at the story of Lazarus. The children will be continuing to write and lead their own Celebration of the Word with their classes.

For **reading** lessons, we are continuing to work on fluency, speed and stamina as well as revising inference skills. This half term, we will be focusing on some more challenging reading skills including summarising, prediction and looking at the author's use of language.

During this half term, the children will be **writing** an explanation text all about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch with a focus on the use of high level punctuation. They will also have the opportunity to write in the style of a 'mockumentary' based on The Majestic Plastic Bag.

In **maths** we are continuing with our work on fractions and decimals. Please keep up the arithmetic practise at home.

In **science**, the children will be learning about animals including humans. The learning will include the life cycle of a human and the changes that occur to our bodies during the different stages of life (puberty and old age).

In **computing**, the children will be continuing their learning on programming and online safety.

In **history**, the children will be continuing their learning about Ancient Greece. They will be exploring different sources of information and making their own interpretations based on these sources. The main focus will be the differences between the Athenians and the Spartans.

In **art**, the children will be looking at creating patterns with paint. They will look at some artwork by David Hockney. The children will also explore wax resist and marbling inks.

In **PSHE**, the children will move on to the topic 'Me, Myself and I' where they will look at changes in adolescent bodies during puberty. They will also continue learning about being safe online.

For **PE**, we will be developing our skills further with our gymnastics, dance and games rotations. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every Monday. Their PE lessons this half term will take place on a Wednesday.

This half term, the children will be going to Blashford Lakes as part of both our science and geography topics. Please keep an ear out for more information regarding this trip in due course. Each class has also been gifted a planter and so we look forward to planting some flowers and veg this half term too!

**Remember, we are here to help— if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us!**

Many thanks for your continued support.  
*Mrs West and the Year 5 Team.*

**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.**