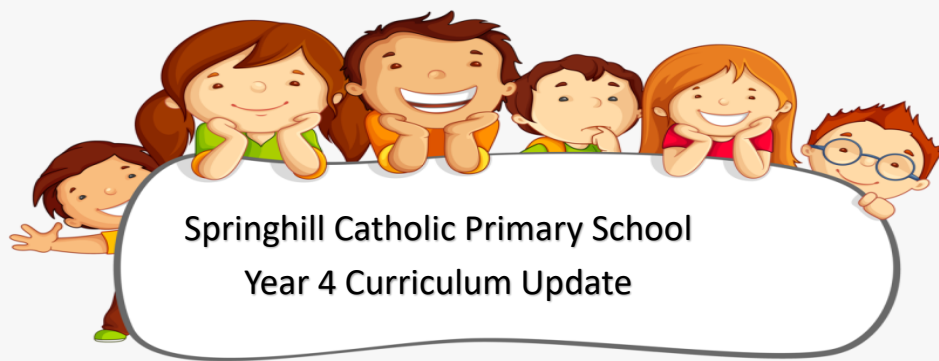




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Autumn 1 —2025

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Guardians,

A warm welcome back to a new school year! Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents' information meeting on Zoom this week. We will be adding the recording to the school website in case you missed it.

In this first half term, we have an exciting and varied curriculum planned and we are sure that your children will enjoy the following topics:

**RE:** School Mission Statement and Creation. The children will learn about how we are made in the image and likeness of God.

**Reading:** We are working on fluency and speed and learning to confidently discuss a text as a class as well as retrieving key information. Our class novel this term is *The Clockwork Crow* which is a wintry mystery novel with twists and turns that the children love!

**Writing:** For their fiction unit, the children will be focusing on writing character and setting descriptions using appropriate nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs—this will be inspired by the beautiful picture book *The Lost Happy Endings*. In non-fiction, they will be writing diary entries linked to our class novel.

**Maths:** Times tables (keep up the good work with these to increase fluency and speed) and place value. The children will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers to 10,000.

**PSHE:** Our first topic is all about feelings and managing emotions.

**Science:** In year 4, we will be learning about states of matter. The children will explore questions such as 'What are solids, liquids and gases?' and 'Which type of liquid moves the fastest?'

**History:** This first unit of teaching is all about Roman Britain. We will be looking at why the Roman army were so successful and who Boudica was.

**DT:** Our first DT topic is a very exciting one: pizza making! The children will be designing and making their own pizzas from scratch with a focus on healthy toppings.

**Computing:** As well as a big focus on online safety, Mrs Murphy will be teaching year 4 about networks and systems (how the internet works and how computers communicate with each other).

**Music:** Year 4 will continue learning musical notation and they will begin playing the recorders!

**PE:** In gymnastics, the children will be learning about 'rolling and travelling' and in games, they will be learning to play basketball and tennis. PE normally takes place on a Tuesday afternoon in year 4. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

I am sure you will agree that it looks to be a fun and engaging half term! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support

*Mrs Jay and Mrs Lacey*

**Key diary dates:**

- 4SW swimming: 15th – 19th September
- 4MR swimming: 22nd – 26th September
- 4JW swimming: 29th September – 3rd October
- Parents' Evenings: Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November
- Year 4 Nativity: Thursday 11th December 9:15 am and 2:15 pm

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.