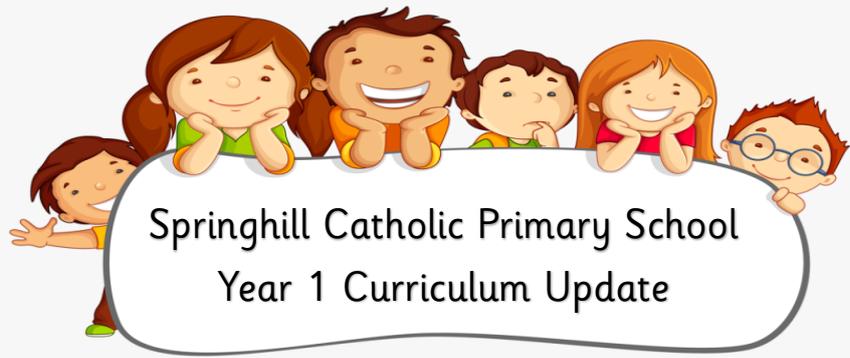




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Autumn 2 2025

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 will be learning the fun and catchy songs for their Advent celebration, which is at the 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. They will be learning the number bonds to 10 and addition and subtraction problems using part-whole models. The children will also be naming and describing properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

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

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 geography, the children will be continuing to think about where we live. They will be learning about physical and human features.

In DT, the children will be learning how to make sliders, levers and linkages to create a moving card.

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

In PE, the children will be using movement and expression to show emotion through dance. In games, they will be learning about throwing and catching.

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

### Key dates:

Monday 3rd November—Art on Wheels workshop

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November - Online parent meetings (**1SL Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November**)

Thursday 6th November—Individual school photos

Week beginning 10th November - Anti-bullying Week

11th November—Remembrance service

Thursday 20th November - Panto in school

Friday 28th November - Family Star Gazing Evening 6-7pm on the MUGA

Monday 8th December - Year 1 Advent celebrations

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas dinner day

Thursday 18th December - Christmas dress down day

Friday 19th December - INSET day

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.