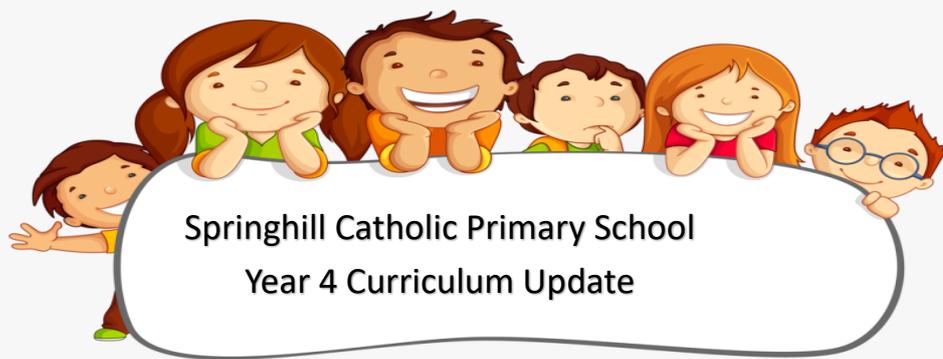




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Autumn 2 —2025

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Guardians,  
We hope you had a lovely half term week and that the children are well-rested and excited to begin another term of fun and learning in year 4.

**RE:** We begin with a short unit on Catholic Social Teaching before moving onto Advent. Our Big Think question is *How does the Old Testament help us in understanding Advent?*

**Reading:** We continue to focus on fluency and speed, building confidence when discussing a text as a class as well as retrieving key information. Our class novel this term is *The Firework Maker's Daughter*—a magical quest tale about courage, creativity and self-discovery filled with rich imagery that brings the story to life.

**Writing:** We begin with non-fiction: a non-chronological report about 5th November and a podcast style piece about the Romans. After that, our writing will be inspired by our class novel—we'll revisit diaries, work on our character and setting descriptions and write a set of instructions.

**Maths:** Times tables are an ongoing focus this half term (lots of extra practice on TT Rockstars boosts speed and accuracy). In lessons, we will work on addition and subtraction, statistics (interpreting charts and graphs), measure (including lengths in mm, cm, m and km and perimeter), and mental strategies for multiplying and dividing.

**PSHE:** Children will take part in some *Me and My Emotions* workshops run by the Southampton MHST. Our lessons will focus on celebrating diversity in our communities and respectful relationships.

**Science:** Our topic is Sound: Noise and Music. We will explore how sound travels as well as learning about volume and pitch and how to change them.

**Geography:** In this first topic, we first learn about countries before looking at latitude and its impact on different types of environment near and further from the Equator. We then focus on Europe, learning countries, capitals, key rivers and mountains.

**DT:** Our next project is designing and sewing Roman coin purses using a variety of stitches.

**Computing:** As well as a big focus on online safety, year 4 will be learning about networks and systems (how the internet works and how computers communicate with each other). The children will also use TT Rockstars to improve their fluency in times tables.

**Music:** Music will focus on preparation for our Nativity performance. Mr Wyatt will have the children word and pitch-perfect in no time, building their confidence for performing to an audience.

**PE:** This half term, the children will be improving their skills in football, basketball and dance. PE takes place on a Tuesday afternoon in year 4. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

This half term leading up to Christmas is always filled with fun and excitement. We can't wait to see what wonderful work the children can produce!

Many thanks for your continued support  
*Mrs Jay and Mrs Lacey*

**Key diary dates:**

- Parents' Evenings: Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November
- Individual and sibling photos Thursday 7th 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.