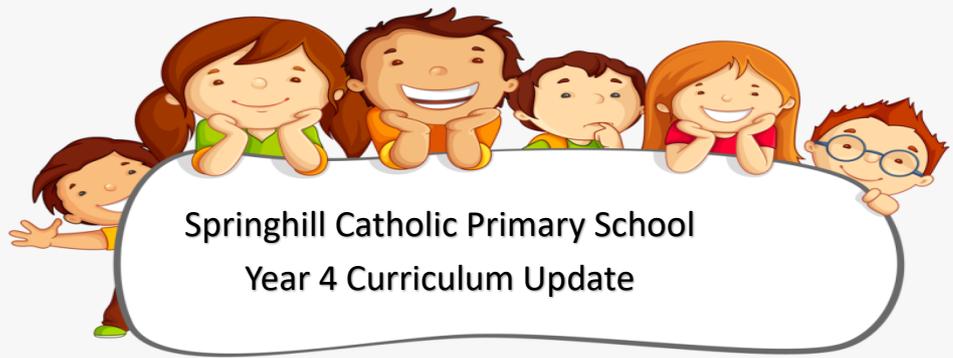




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Spring 1 —2026

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break together. The year 4 team are excited to welcome the children back for another busy half term of learning and fun.

RE: We begin with our Christmas Unit, thinking about the Gospels' depiction of the angels' message. Our Big Think question is *Who are God's messengers?* We then move onto our Revelation topic, building our understanding to answer the question: *What does it mean to be the Light of the World?*

Reading: We will focus on the skills of inference, prediction and summarising. Our class novel this term is *The Magic Place* —a novel about a determined girl who breaks away from a harsh life and pursues her dream of finding the home she's always imagined.

Writing: We begin with wintry-themed poetry, using the skills of similes and alliteration. Also this term, we will learn how to leave our reader desperate for more with effective cliff-hanger story endings, before writing a persuasive advert.

Maths: Times tables have a strong focus again this term, with a daily 2-minute practice quiz at school to build fluency and accuracy. Please encourage your child to continue using TTRS as often as possible—it makes such a difference! In lessons, we will learn formal written methods for multiplying and dividing 3 digit by 1 digit numbers before moving onto area and perimeter and then fractions.

PSHE: We continue our learning about relationships before moving onto a unit about staying healthy.

Science: Our next topic is Electricity. The children will learn about how the electricity that powers our homes and appliances is generated, build and evaluate simple circuits with switches, and discover which materials are electrical insulators and conductors.

Geography: We continue with geography in Spring 1 with a brand new comparison topic. The children will learn about the Jurassic Coast, comparing its physical and human features with the French Riviera.

Art: Our first art project explores drawing hands, practising the skills of gesture, texture, tonal shading, mixing flesh colours with paint and using complementary colours in a piece of art.

Computing: As well as a big focus on online safety, Mrs Murphy will continue year 4's learning about networks and systems (how the internet works and how computers communicate with each other). After this, we move onto creating media with a focus on audio editing.

Music: Mr Wyatt will be teaching year 4 to play simple music with accompaniment, gradually increasing their knowledge of finger positions and ability to recognise notes and follow music on a stave

PE: The children will take part in Gaelic Football, Hockey and Gymnastics—these sports will be rotated around the 3 classes. PE lessons are on **Tuesday afternoons**. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

We can't wait to begin another half term in year 4 and to watch the children continue to grow and make amazing progress. As always, please get in touch if you have any questions.

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

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.