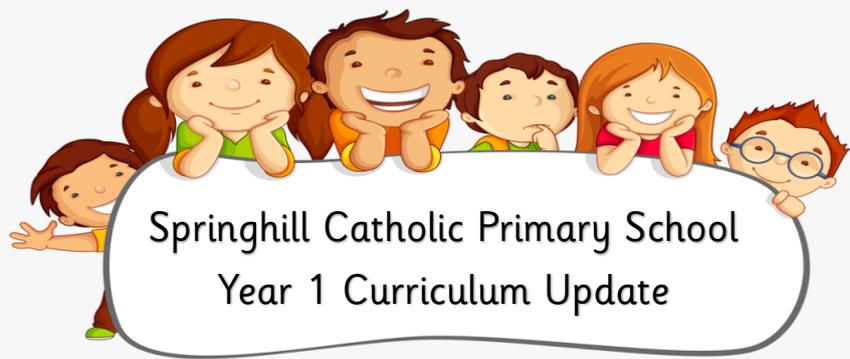




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Spring 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break. We have exciting topics planned for all subject this half term, including poetry week.

In RE, the children will learn about the season of Christmas before moving onto Revelation. For the topic of Revelation, the children will learn about how Jesus revealed himself to others in his childhood and as he became an adult.

In phonics, the children will continue to use their sound knowledge to decode words, but there will be a greater focus on spelling using sounds.

In reading each week, the children will focus on a story book, which they will listen to each day and then answer questions about the characters. They will continue to learn independent reading skills and answer retrieval questions about a simple text.

In writing this half term, the children will focus on using correct letter formation when writing. For sentence structure, the children will attempt to increase the number of accurate consecutive sentences they can write. Their sentences will be extended using the conjunctions 'and', 'but' and 'so'. Sentence openers will provide greater detail to make sentences more interesting.

In maths, the children will be finding one more and one less than numbers to 20. They will focus on accurately writing numerical digits to 20 and beyond. They will be fill in missing numbers on forwards and backwards number sequences. The children will also use a number track up to 20 to add and subtract.

In computing, the children will learn about online safety and use programming to move a sprite and add speech.

In science, the children will continue to learn about how the cherry tree changes during the different seasons. They will start the new topic 'Animals, including Humans', where they will learn about different classes of animals and their features.

In history, the children will be learning about seaside holidays in the past and will be comparing them with seaside holidays today.

In DT, the children will explore ingredients before they design and prepare a sandwich with their own choice of bread/wraps/pitta and fillings.

In PE, external coaches will teach the children gymnastics skills and techniques. Due to this, the Year 1 PE day will change to a **Monday** for this half term.

In music, the children will be learning about long and short sounds using Samba and Blues music. They will also have opportunities to sing and create sequences of sounds.

In PSHE, the topic will go alongside the science and DT topics. Children will explore healthy lifestyles, including healthy eating and medicines and drugs.

### Key dates:

5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> January - Poetry Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany liturgy

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 5:00-5:45pm - Year 1 and 2 disco

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Start of spring 2

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.