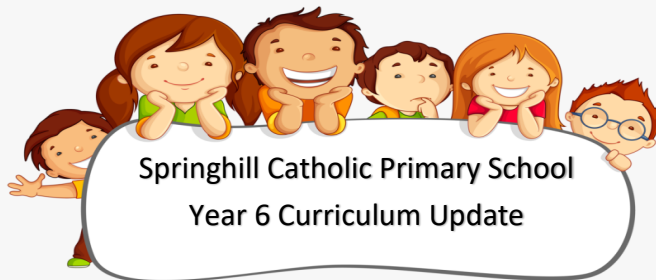




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



**Spring 2 2026**

Dear parents and carers,

**Welcome to our half termly newsletter which will give you a flavour of what your child will be learning and experiencing in year 6 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.**

As I have said before, the spring term is where the majority of our SATs prep takes place. We are working so hard in school to ensure that every child reaches their full potential and we want them all to be equipped to confidently transition to secondary school. As you are aware, we use a website called SPAG.COM to set weekly SPAG homework and it enables the teachers to allocate practice SATs questions themed around different topics. Additionally, we have started using lots of CGP materials in school, including test packs, revision guides and 10 minute test booklets. We find these make an invaluable difference to help prepare the children for the real thing.

During this half term, we will be teaching a little extra maths, reading and writing as we approach the KS2 SATs. The children don't miss out on any of the foundation subjects though as we teach lots of geography, history, French and art in May and June after the tests. The children are doing extremely well but continuing to work on times tables, spellings and daily reading at home will certainly help! At parents' evening, which is face to face in school, your child's class teacher will give you a slip of paper with some of their most recent results on so you can see how far they are away from particular grade boundaries. You will also have the chance to look at their books.

In **writing** this half term, your child will be focussing on Macbeth. They will be writing their own mystical prologues for the play, creating and performing their own rhyming witches' spells and using dialogue to convey character and advance the action. In addition to this, we will be writing an action-packed Viking battle scene full of atmosphere and tension. Both of these topics are quite creepy and gruesome which normally makes them very popular with the year 6 children.

In **maths**, we are looking at measure (including conversion between metric and imperial units) as well as starting our shape unit. We will also be learning about statistics and interpreting a range of graphs, tables and pie charts. Our main aim in the next six weeks is to help every child consistently achieve 35 or more on the arithmetic paper. In order to achieve this goal, we will be having an extra arithmetic lesson every week which will be personalised to the needs of the children in each individual maths group.

In **RE**, we will revisit and build upon children's prior learning of the sacraments, aiming to deepen their understanding and explore their own roles in the Church. As part of our Lenten studies, the preparation for Easter will be examined through the teachings of Jesus, including the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and the Samaritan woman at the well. This exploration aims to foster comprehension of Jesus' identity and the calling to emulate him, with a revisiting of the Beatitudes as the fulfilment of God's promise.

Finally, in **science**, we will be focussing on classification of micro-organisms, trees, vertebrates and invertebrates. We will also be considering the role that humans play in habitat destruction through deforestation, pollution and urbanisation.

#### World Book Day

Monday 9th March is Springhill's World Book Day. As ever, we will be marking the occasion with a fancy dress day and lots of fun, book-themed activities. We will have a special assembly, be holding a whole-school costume parade with music, we will meet our Foundation partners and read to them and we will have a quiz.

#### Marwell Zoo

On Wednesday 18th March, we will be going to Marwell Zoo. The trip ties in with our geography work on biomes and also our work on conservation of endangered species and deforestation. The whole year group will be going via coach on the same day and we ask that children wear warm, weather-appropriate clothes, comfortable footwear for lots of walking and that they bring a packed lunch.

#### Dates for the diary

Thursday 5th March— Adoration  
Monday 9th March— World Book Day  
Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March— parents' evening  
Wednesday 11th March— Class photos  
Wednesday 18th March— Marwell Zoo  
Friday 27th March— Year 6 Tableau (parents are invited)  
Friday 20th March— Torchbearer treat  
Monday 30th March— Easter holidays

**Remember, we are here to help— if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us! From Miss Calver and the year 6 team**