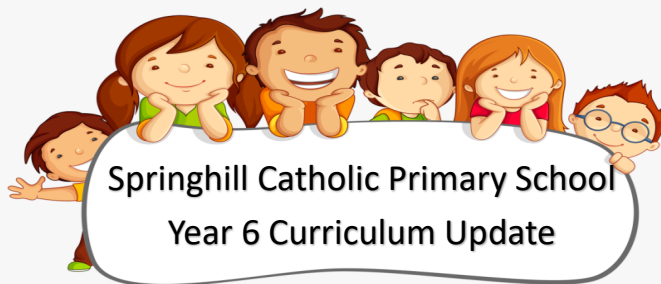




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Autumn 1 2023

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.

A warm welcome to year 6– I am sure many of you are thinking, *“How is it possible that my child is in their final year of primary school!”* As a team, we will endeavour to make this year an enjoyable and memorable experience and prepare your child as best we can for secondary school.

The year 6 curriculum is broad and varied and we can't wait to share it with your child while nurturing their independence and enquiry skills.

In **writing** this half term, your child will be learning how to create atmosphere using a range of descriptive techniques. We will be studying a slightly creepy picture book called *'The Viewer'* by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan and this will act as the inspiration to invent our own atmospheric stories.

In **maths**, we will be working on place value (which includes ordering, comparing and rounding numbers up to 1,000,000). We will also be working hard on our arithmetic skills in class and we will be consolidating our learning each night with our daily homework. It would be really helpful if you could help your child to learn their times tables at home as this underpins so many other maths concepts. We encourage the children to use *Times Tables Rockstars* to help with their speed and accuracy.

We will begin our **RE** learning with a lesson which explores our school's Mission Statement and how we transfer this into our everyday lives. Following on from this, your child will focus on the topic of Creation, exploring scripture from The Old Testament whilst working towards the 'Big Think Question' which asks *'Is it easy being the people of God?'*

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.

In **geography**, we will be learning about coastal erosion and looking at a case study of a place in Norfolk called Happisburgh. The children will learn about the unpredictable future of this coastal village and the action which is being taken to try and protect it from the elements.

Our first **science** topic is *'Light and Shadows'* and we will explore, through a range of practical experiments, how light travels, how colours of light are created and how shadows are formed.

In addition to the subjects above, we are also extremely lucky as we have specialist teachers delivering our **music**, **P.E** and **computing** curriculum. PE is on a Friday this year but we ask that kits are in every day.

Arguably, one of the best things about being in year 6 is the fact that each child is paired up with their very own foundation partner. We help our partners to settle in to life at Springhill and read with them, play with them, pray with them and act as positive role models.

Please keep your eyes peeled for an email regarding year 6 leavers' hoodies in the coming days.

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

Dates for the diary

- **Saints coaches in every Friday to teach year 6 PE**
- **Friday 8th September– Mass**
- **6th-18th October– horse riding experience (different children each day– more information to follow)**
- **Monday 16th October– Harvest festival**
- **Friday 20th October– INSET day**