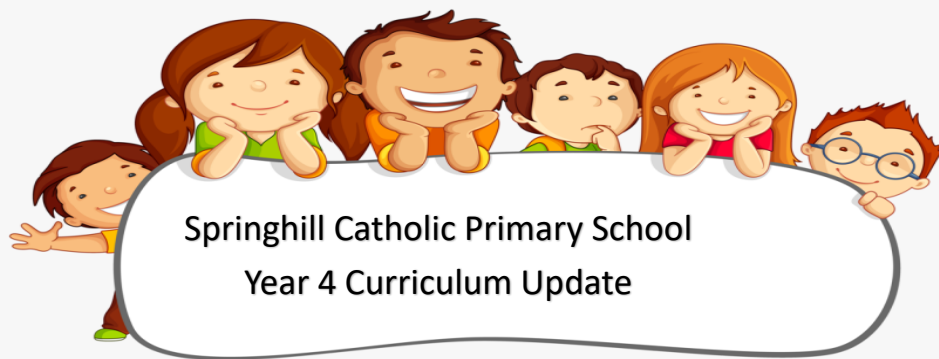




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## Autumn 1 —2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our new half termly newsletter which will give you a flavour of what your child will be learning and experiencing in year 4 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents' information meeting on Zoom.

This half term, we have an exciting and varied curriculum planned and we are certain your children will enjoy the following topics:

**RE:** School Mission Statement and Creation. The children will learn about how we are made in the image and likeness of God.

**Reading:** We are working on fluency and speed and learning to confidently discuss a text as a class as well as retrieving key information. Our class novel this term is *The Clockwork Crow* which is a mystery novel that the children love!

**Writing:** For their fiction unit, the children will be focusing on writing character and setting descriptions using appropriate nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. In non-fiction, they will learn all about writing persuasive adverts for their favourite toys or chocolate bars!

**Maths:** Times tables (keep up the good work with these to increase fluency and speed) and place value. The children will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers to 10,000.

**PSHE:** Our first topic is all about feelings and managing emotions.

**Science:** In year 4, we will be learning about states of matter. The children will explore questions such as 'What are solids, liquids and gases?' and 'Which type of liquid moves the fastest?'

**Geography:** This first unit of teaching is all about naming and locating. Children will recap their knowledge of the countries and capital cities as well as working on map skills and learning about key topographical features.

**Computing:** As well as a big focus on online safety, Miss Gallagher is teaching year 4 about networks and systems (how the internet works and how computers communicate with each other)

**Art:** Children will be exploring how to draw with gesture and movement. They will also be learning about drawing human hands with accurate proportions and mixing colours to make flesh tones.

**Music:** Year 4 will continue learning musical notation and they will begin playing the recorders! Exciting!

**PE:** In gymnastics, the children will be learning about 'rolling and travel' and in games, they will be working on their football and hockey skills. PE normally takes place on a Thursday afternoon in year 4. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

I am sure you will agree that it looks to be a rich and engaging half term! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support

*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.