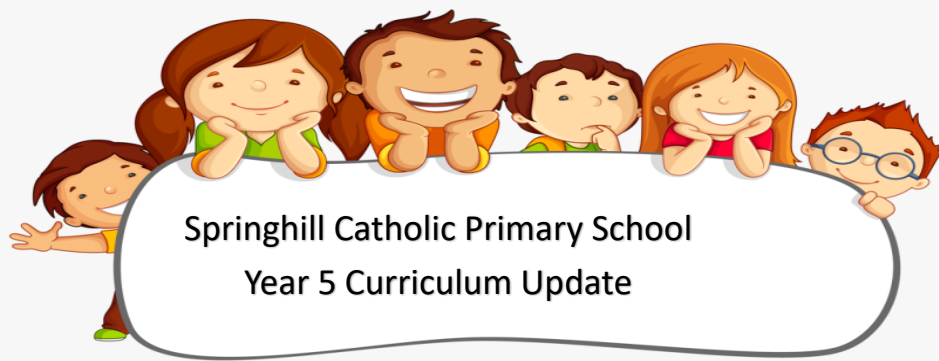




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



## 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 5 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.

Dear Year 5 Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents' information meeting on Zoom—please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions following on from this. We have planned a very rich and varied year 5 curriculum and we are certain your children will come home talking about the exciting things they have been learning!

**RE:** School Mission Statement and Creation. The children will be learning about what the Beatitudes mean for us today.

**Reading and Writing:** In 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 Goodnight Mr Tom which is centred around a child who is evacuated in WW2. This novel links to all of the children's writing this half term and they will be immersing themselves in the WW2 unit by writing setting and character descriptions, time slip stories and newspaper articles.

**Maths:** Place value—children learn to read, write, order, compare and reason with numbers up to 1 million as well as looking at decimal place value up to 3 decimal places. We focus on lots of counting and number line work with these larger numbers as well as key reasoning and problem solving skills.

**PSHE:** Our first topic is all about feelings and mental health as well as body image, thoughts and feelings.

**Geography:** This first unit of teaching is all about regions and patterns of land use in the UK. The children will also explore 4-figure grid references, lines of longitude and latitude and time zones.

**Computing:** Miss Gallagher is teaching year 5 about networks and systems (how the internet works and how computers communicate with each other). In addition there is a big focus on keeping yourself safe online.

**Art:** The first year 5 art topic centres around print and pattern as the children explore geometric and organic shapes ready to make wall-hangings next half term.

**Music:** The children will be exploring soundtracks from movies and learning to compose their own.

**PE:** In gymnastics, the children will be learning about 'flight' by exploring take-offs and landings. In games, they will be working on their football and basketball skills. PE normally takes place on a Wednesday afternoon in year 5. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

**Science:** In year 5, we will be learning about Earth and Space while answering questions such as 'How does the shape of the moon appear to change over time?'. We have an exciting trip planned to the planetarium at the Winchester Science Centre so the children can really experience the awe and wonder of the universe!

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.