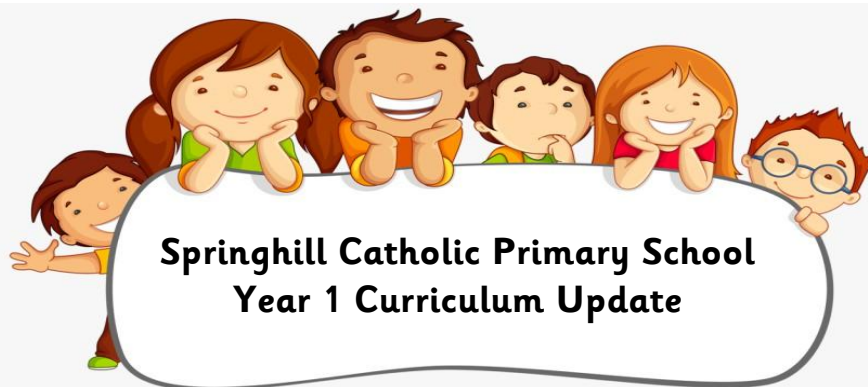




The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Springhill Catholic Primary School Year 1 Curriculum Update

Autumn 1 —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 1 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.

The children are beginning to settle into their new classes and are busy learning the routines in Year 1!

Our year starts with the Creation topic in RE. The children will be learning about God's creation and how we can look after the world around us.

Children will have 2 phonics lessons a day where they will be continuing to use their phonics knowledge to decode words. In reading lessons, children will be learning how to read a simple text and answer simple questions about it.

In writing, the children will be focusing on using the correct letter formation. They will be writing simple sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

In our maths lessons, we will be concentrating on numbers up to 10. Children will sort, count and represent numbers, as well as find one more and one less. They will also learn to compare and order numbers. Towards the end of this half term, we will look at part-part-whole models.

Our science topic is 'materials'. Children will be learning to identify different materials and we will be exploring the properties of materials.

We will alternate history and geography teaching as the year progresses. Our humanities topic this half term is history. The children will be learning about Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria.

In art lessons, the children will be exploring colours and they will be blending pastels to make secondary colours.

Our PE day this half term is a Monday. Children will have their PE lessons outside and they will come home wearing their PE kits. Our library day is a Wednesday. Book changes will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In a few weeks (dates below), we will be inviting parents in to observe a phonics session. This is so you can see how we teach phonics in Year 1, so you can best support your child at home. Unfortunately, you will not necessarily be able to observe your child's phonics group. Sessions will be held 9-9:30.

Key dates:

St Teresa's House Feast Day (St Teresa classes can wear green accessories) – Fri 4th Sept
Y1 Online Information Meeting – Wed 9th Sept 6pm
Second hand uniform sale – Fri 25th Sept
1SR Parents in to watch phonics – Tue 29th Sept
1JH Parents in to watch phonics – Wed 30th Sept
1KG Parents in to watch phonics – Thurs 1st Oct
Half term – Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30th Oct
School starts again – Mon 2nd Nov

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.