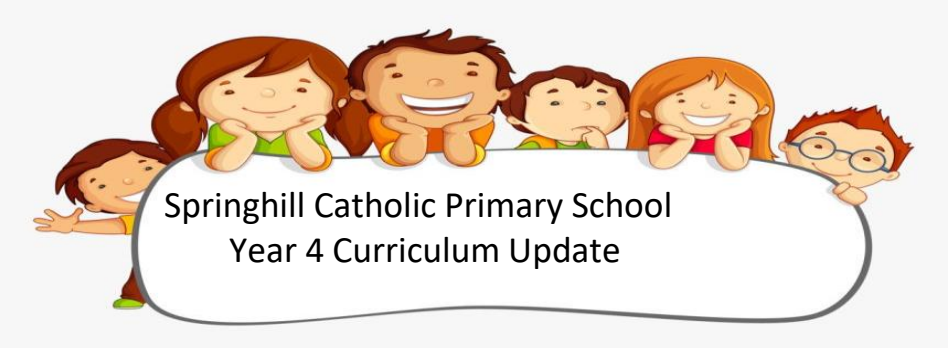
The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Autumn 2 —2026

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Guardians,

We hope you had a lovely half term week and that the children are well-rested and excited to begin another term of fun and learning in year 4.

The main focus for this term in year 4 is to master the foundational skills required to be able to unlock the next part of the curriculum. There will be a big emphasis on the following skills:

- spelling, grammar and punctuation
- times tables up to 12 x 12
- arithmetic methods for mental and written calculation
- reading speed and fluency
- joined handwriting

RE: We begin with a short unit on Catholic Social Teaching before moving onto Advent. Our Big Think question is 'How does the Old Testament help us in understanding Advent?'

Reading: We are continuing to work on building fluency and stamina with a particular focus on 'Non-Fiction November'. It is important that children in year 4 can read longer texts with sustained focus, concentration and understanding. Our new class novel for this half term is The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman.

Writing: We begin with a non-chronological report about 5th November and then all of the children's writing this half term will be centred around the class novel: *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. They will learn a variety of skills including using fronted adverbials with commas after them and they will further explore the writing genres of diaries and instructions.

Maths: Times tables are an ongoing focus this half term (lots of extra practice on TT Rockstars boosts speed and accuracy). In lessons, we are immersing ourselves in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also link in a unit of teaching about area.

PDL: We are teaching about respectful relationships as well as a focus on the British Values of 'Tolerance and Respect'.

Science: Our topic is Sound: Noise and Music. We will explore how sound travels as well as learning about volume and pitch and how to change them.

Geography: In this first topic, we first learn about counties before looking at latitude and its impact on different types of environment near and further from the Equator. We then focus on Europe, learning countries, capitals, key rivers and mountains.

DT: Our next project is designing and sewing Roman coin purses using a variety of stitches.

French: our next unit of learning is all about les legumes (vegetables). The children will learn to name and recognise up to 10 vegetables in French.

Computing: As well as a big focus on online safety, year 4 will be continuing to learn about networks and systems before moving on to making digital fact files . The children will also use TT Rockstars to improve their fluency in times tables.

Music: Music will focus on preparation for our Nativity performance.

PE: This half term, the children will be improving their skills in football, basketball and dance. PE takes place on a Thursday afternoon in year 4. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

This half term leading up to Christmas is always filled with fun and excitement. We can't wait to see what wonderful work the children can produce!

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Lacey

Key diary dates:

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November

Individual pupil photos: Thursday 5th November

Year 4 Nativity: Thursday 10th December 9:15 am and 2:15pm