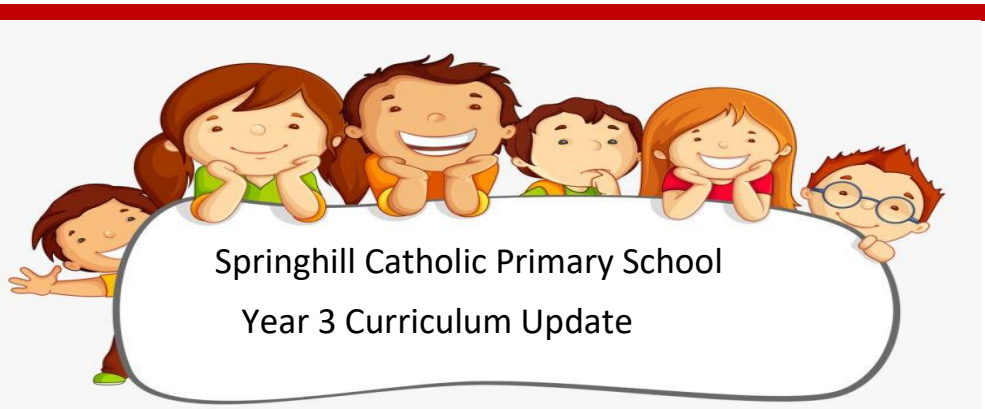
The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Springhill Catholic Primary School
Year 3 Curriculum Update

Autumn 2 —2026

Dear Year 3 Parents/ Guardians,

I hope you all had a peaceful half term break.
The main focus for next term in year 3 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

Below is some further information about the subjects the children will be learning about before Christmas:

In **RE**, the children will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching (explaining how we are given the important role of being stewards of God's creation) and Advent where we will look at the story of the Annunciation.

In **reading**, we are continuing to work on building fluency and stamina with a particular focus on 'Non-Fiction November'. Our new class novel for this half term is George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

In **writing**, we will be teaching the children to write character descriptions as well as instructions and persuasive letters. The writing skills that we will be focusing on are appropriate adjectives and adverbs as well as the use of commas in lists and after openers.

This half term in **maths,** the children will be mastering their 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) while learning speed and stamina in their times tables.

In **PDL**, we are teaching about respectful relationships and how friendships change over time as well as a focus on anti-bullying week and the British Values of 'Tolerance and Respect'.

This half term in **music,** the focus is on learning the songs for the Nativity in December.

In **science,** the children will learn to name and identify forces as well as explaining how magnetism works.

Our first **geography** unit of teaching is all about the UK map and mountains.

In **French,** our next topic is all about les animaux (animals). The children will learn to recognise and write up to 10 different animals.

In **textiles (DT),** year 3 will be sewing their own Christmas decorations to donate to a local care home. In addition, we will be using clay in our upcoming workshop with 'Art on Wheels'.

As well as a big focus on online safety in **computing**, year 3 will continue to learn about networks and systems before moving on to creating digital presentations.

In **PE,** we will be teaching the children some Bollywood skills in dance and football skills and strategy in games. PE takes place on a Wednesday afternoon in year 3. Please remind your child to bring their full PE kit into school every week.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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 3 Nativity: Wednesday 9th December 9:15 am and 2:15 pm

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.