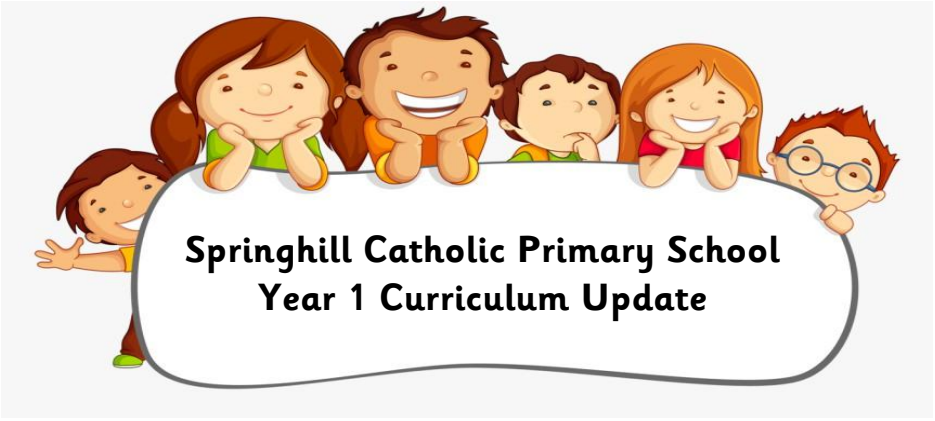
The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Autumn 2 —2026

Dear 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 have settled so well into Year 1 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled half term.

Children will be concluding our 'Catholic Social Teaching' topic in RE within the first few weeks of the half term. After, children will learn about Advent, as we prepare for Christmas.

Children will continue to have two phonics lessons a day. Reading comprehension lessons will also continue, where children will focus on retrieval and word meaning.

In writing, children will be retelling traditional tales such as 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. They will also learn how to write character descriptions. Through this work, children will focus on forming their sentences with correct letter formation and punctuation.

In the coming weeks, our addition and subtraction topic in maths will end. We will move on to look at 'Place Value within 20'. We know lots of children are confident counting to 20 so we are looking forward to deepening their knowledge.

Our geography topic this half term is 'Our School'. Children will learn about the different areas of our school and their purposes. To begin the topic, children learn to name and locate the 4 counties in the UK.

Instead of art lessons this half term, children will have DT sessions. The learning will culminate in children making safety jackets for teddy bears. This is always a highlight of the year!

Our PE day this half term remains a Monday. Children will often have their PE lessons outside so please ensure your child has warm PE kit. Please see our school website for more details on this. Our library day is a Tuesday. Book changes will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

On Tuesday 3rd November, Southampton Art Gallery are visiting to lead some art workshops involving clay. The children really enjoy their sessions so it will be a very exciting day.

We are all very much looking forward to our Nativity performances on Monday 7th December. Preparations are already underway. Please look out for ticket details being sent home soon.

Key dates:

Individual school photos – Thurs 5th Nov
PA Crazy Hair and Sock Day – Fri 13th Nov
Parents' evenings – Tues 17th Nov
and Thurs 19th Nov
Flu Nasal Spray – Mon 23rd Nov
PA Elfridges Sale – Fri 4th Dec
Y1 Nativity – Mon 7th Dec: 9:15 and 14:15
Christmas Dress Down Day – Thurs 17th Dec
INSET (school closed to children) – Fri 18th Dec
First Day Back to School – Mon 4th Jan

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.