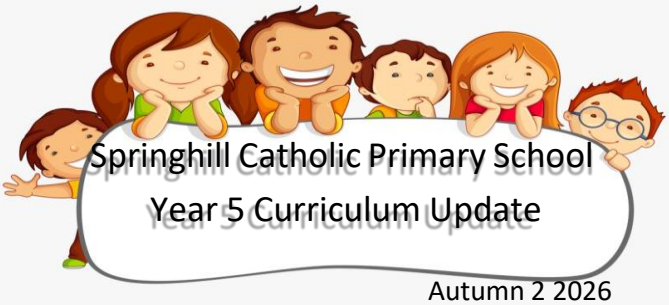
The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Springhill Catholic Primary School
Year 5 Curriculum Update

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

A very warm welcome back to school and the start of the second half of our Autumn term. Your wonderful children are now fully established in year 5 and we are all ready for another half term full of learning and fun – we hope that they are looking forward to their return to school as much as we are!

Autumn 2 is a vibrant and exciting half term which culminates with our Christmas production on Friday 11h December. There will be a morning and afternoon performance so please be sure to keep the date reserved - more information will follow shortly.

In **writing** this half term, your child will use fronted adverbials and emotion through action to build descriptive time slip stories based on the historical fiction novel '*Goodnight Mr. Tom' by Michelle Magorian*. We will also produce newspaper reports based on The Blitz as part of our non-fiction writing. We will be looking at parenthesis, making links between paragraphs and conjunctions in this writing unit which links with our WWII history topic. Our final piece of writing (this half term) will be diaries based on *'Once' by Morris Gleitzman.* Set in Poland in 1942, the book follows a 10 year old boy named Felix. Similarly to Goodnight Mr. Tom, friendship is at the heart of this novel and caring for others is shown to be part of what makes a good person.

With much excitement, we will begin the first **history** unit of year 5. Through our WWII topic, we will explore the causes of World War Two, who contributed to the British war effort, how the Blitz affected communities and the impact of evacuation.

In **DT**, we will be designing and making our own Advent Calendars by designing a product which is attractive, usable and strong.

Please remember to read daily with your child and complete the reading challenge.

In **maths**, we will be focusing on decimal place value (which includes reading, writing, representing and identifying the value.) In addition to this, we will be covering tenths and hundredths as decimals and fractions as well as identifying the value of a whole number in tenths and hundredths. This unit will conclude with rounding decimals. We will continue to progress our arithmetic learning through our daily homework which focuses on the different arithmetic skills in the year 5 curriculum. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support with this – it really does underpin their maths learning. Times table fluency remains a crucial aspect of your child's success in maths and it would be very helpful if you can continue to encourage your child to keep practicing these using Times Table Rockstars at home – thank you!

We will begin our **RE** learning by continuing our unit based in Catholic Social Teaching. We will be learning how Jesus reached out to those on the edges of society, who the marginalized (in our modern world) are and what Catholic Social Teaching says about reaching out to them. Following on from this, our Advent Unit will provide reflection and preparation for the Christmas period as we learn about John the Baptist's role in preparing the way for Jesus and how his message is still relevant today.

Our next **science** topic is *'Forces'.* We will use a range of practical activities and experiments to investigate what gravity is, what makes some objects fall faster than others and what affects the fall of a parachute.

Remember, we are here to help– if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us! From Mrs Pollard and the year 5 team.

Key dates:

- 17th, 19th November – online parent consultations
- 5th November – school photos
- 20th November - PA Crazy hair and sock day
- 11th December Year 5 Nativity performances
- 18th December – Inset day