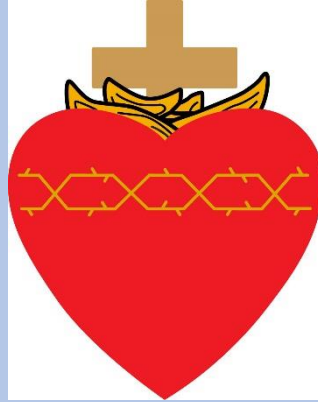


Parents Transition Information



Welcome to Year 4

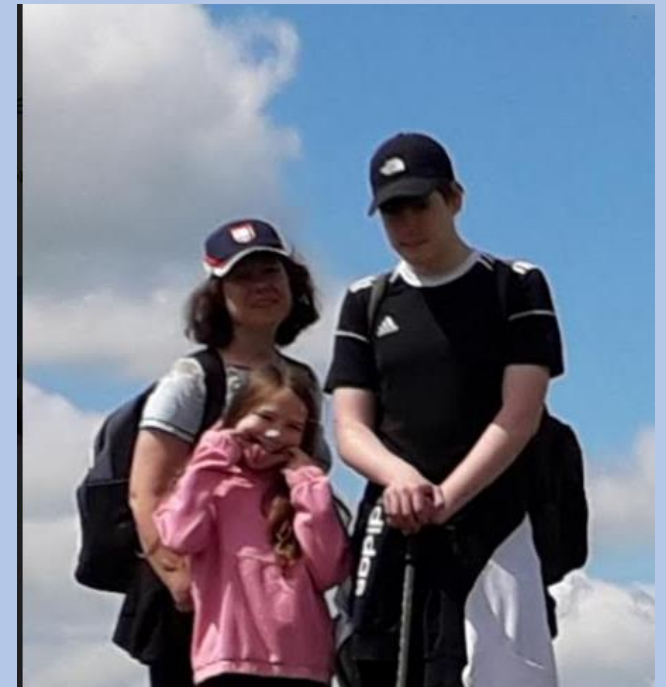
Hello Year 4!

I am Mrs McGrory and I am very excited to teach you all next year.

I have been teaching for 26 years and have taught most year groups. I have taught in lots of schools over Birmingham and Solihull. I love learning and sharing my knowledge with others.

I am a busy mum with two children Malachi, who is nearly 17, and Eve, who is 11. I love taking my children out for long walks and we enjoy spending time visiting and exploring new places.

In my spare time I enjoy reading and baking. I also love to garden and grow vegetables that we use in our cooking at home. I love art and try to be creative when planning lessons. I am a very practical person so love to make things too. I enjoy listening to music and try to attend Pilates classes every week as I am trying to stay active and keep fit!



Welcome

This information is to prepare you and your child for the start of their learning journey in Year 4.

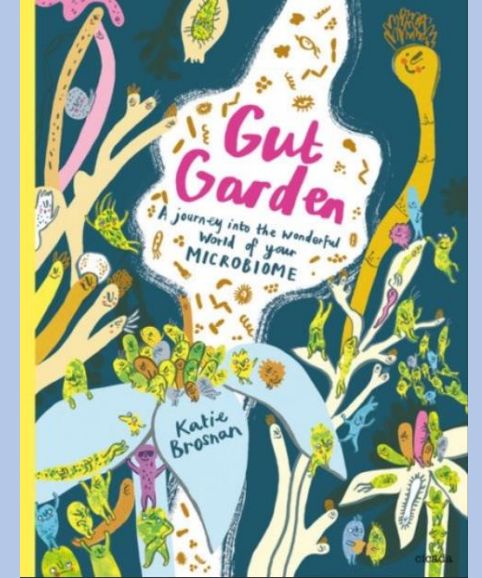
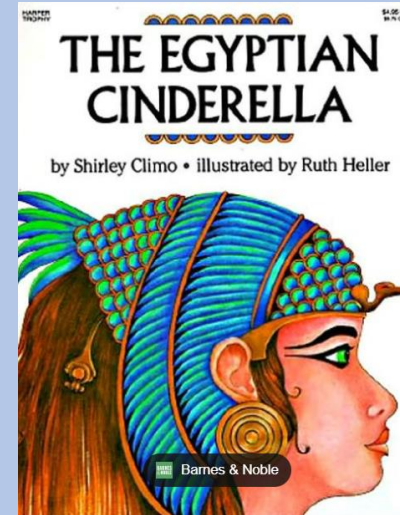
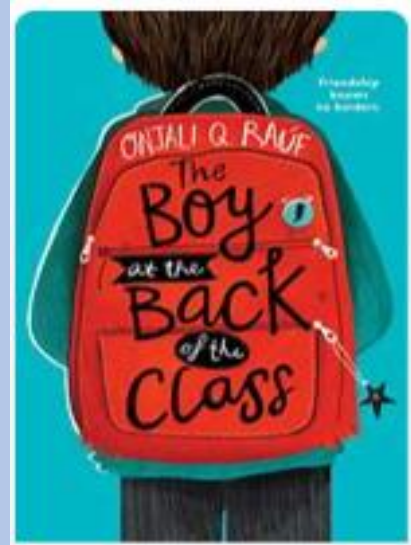
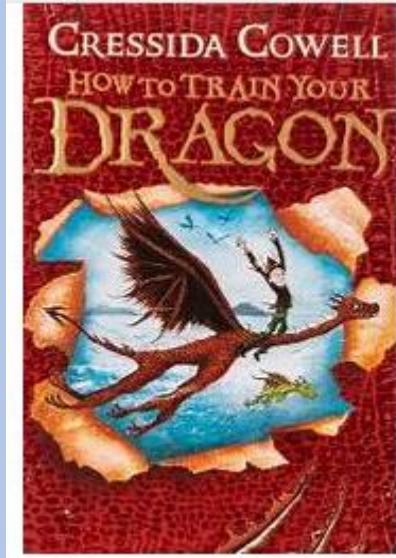
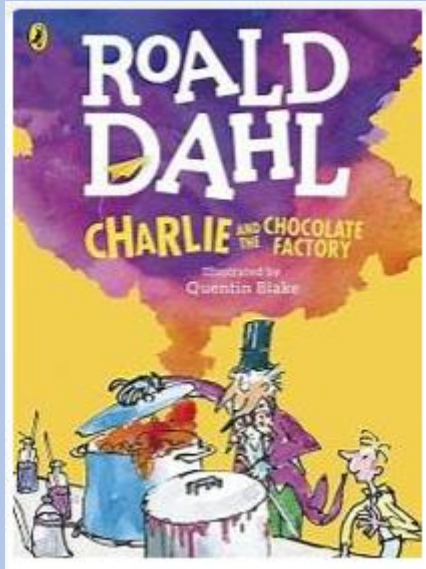
In Year 4 we will be learning lots of new topics.

In Religious Education lessons we will explore Creation and learn about some of the people in the Old Testament including Abraham and Joseph.

In Science, we will investigate electricity and animals and their habitats.

In Art we will explore landscapes and cityscapes. In History we will learn all about the Vikings and Anglo Saxons and we will explore Italy in Geography, this links well to our Design and technology work which is pizza making!

Throughout the year we will read and explore lots of books.



Expectations

Sacred Heart has always had a very high expectation of uniform and we hope to work together with our families to continue this.



- Children in neat and tidy full uniform every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- No earrings are to be worn due to health and safety. Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. If children are having their ears pierced then it must be done in the six week holiday.
- Watches are allowed to be worn but not smart watches.
- No other jewellery or nail varnish is allowed.
- No extreme hair styles. Hair should be worn short for boys and not have patterns, lines or artwork shaved into it. There should be no ridges nor perceived difference in length of boys' hair. Girls may wear short extensions of natural colour, but hair must be tied back and be of a neat appearance.
- Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Uniform

Winter

Grey trousers

White shirt

Navy sweatshirt with school badge *

Grey or black socks

Sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)

School Tie *



Winter

Navy skirt or pinafore dress

White blouse

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge *

White socks or navy tights

Low heeled sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)

School tie *



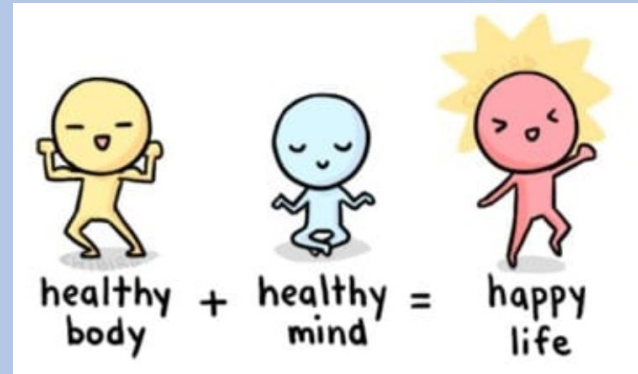
Children may bring trainers to change into for break times.

All uniform can be bought from the link on the school website.

* These items can only be bought from school.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/sacredheartcatholicprimaryb203ae>

P.E. Kit

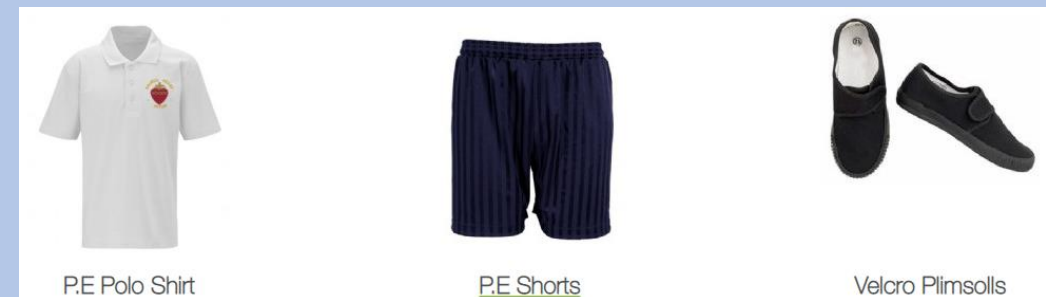


PE is an important part of the curriculum and so children must be prepared for this lesson every day.

PE kits must be worn to school on PE days.

All children need pumps, T-shirt and shorts for P.E. Lessons and all items must be named.

School polo shirts can be bought from the school website.



Partnership with home and school

You, as parents, are the key educators of your children but we need to work together to create a positive attitude to school



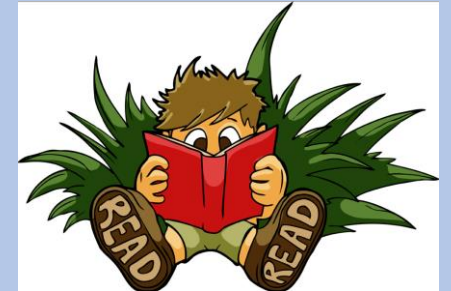
- We need to work together and ensure homework is completed to a good standard and handed in on time.
- We also need to work closely together to encourage high expectations in behaviour and learning attitudes.
- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Reading, Writing and Maths activities should be encouraged at home.
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings and make sure that everything is labelled.

Children will we be provided with a pack of equipment at the start of term that they must take care of. School will replace items that 'run out' but parents will need to supply equipment that is lost or broken.

Homework in Year 4

- Children in Year 4 should spend approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes per week on homework tasks.
- Children must read their home reading book **every** night and record this in their reading record.
- All children will have a library book to take home every night too that your child can change themselves in class.
- Maths homework will focus on the times tables that should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order).
- Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and we expect children to have completed and handed it in by the following Monday. Each week the children are set English work (spellings) and some Maths work (set on MyMaths).

Homework is an important way of establishing a successful link between home and school. We aim for all our children to develop as independent learners and we believe homework will help children to acquire this skill.



Lunch and break times

- All children must bring a water bottle to school that can be refilled using the water machines. These bottles need to be taken home and washed everyday.
- Year 4 children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break.
- The school operates a healthy eating policy which means items such as crisps, chocolate and sweets are not allowed at break times.
- Your child may either have a school lunch or their own packed lunch.
- If your child chooses to bring packed lunch then it must be healthy. No sweets, chocolate or drinks other than water are allowed in school.
- School dinner money is payable through ParentMail.
Please download the app onto your phone.



Thank you

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the school office or email at enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net.

We will keep you all in our prayers.



Have a lovely Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th **September**.