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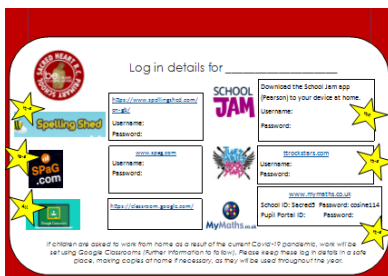
Autumn Term Class Letter

Dear Parents and Carers of Class 4SA and Class 4D pupils,

WELCOME:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into the Year 4 team at Sacred Heart, and we hope that the information contained in this letter will enable us all to make the best possible start to what is set to be a very busy and exciting year ahead.

Homework: Each child will be issued a yellow **Reading Record** in which will find the log in details for all the online learning platforms we use at Sacred Heart stuck on the inside front cover. Please see an example below:



The reading records should also be used to acknowledge when a child has read. The number of books a child will be given and the frequency of which they are changed will be determined by the length of the books given. Each book given to a child is used to bolster their confidence in reading new words, retrieving information from the text, to infer and deduce deeper meanings from the text and why an author has used a certain technique.

Spellings are done weekly, and a spelling sheet will be handed out every Friday. Additional homework may be given if required by the staff. Please use your child's **MyMaths** login and **Times Table Rockstars** login regularly as Y4 will be preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTP) taking place in June 2022. More information about this will be provided later in the year.

PE: PE will take place on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. P.E. kits should be brought in on Monday and left in school until Friday; trainers are not needed for outdoor games. An old shirt can be sent in to protect your child's uniform during art and other 'messy' activities if you wish. Please keep these in PE bags.

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM:

R.E. is taught daily at Sacred Heart. The children have many opportunities throughout the school daily for reflection and prayer. Our term will begin with the teaching of the family of God in scripture before studying baptism and confirmation where will be posing the questions What's so special about gifts? How does it feel about being chosen? and how do people respond to being called? In the second half term, we will be preparing for Advent, pondering on the gift of love and friendship.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



In English, during the first half term, we will be using a range of high quality texts to support our reading and writing, and to help us prepare for film day. These texts are based on historical events, 'The Romans' and 'The Luddites', and challenge us to think about the following: 'What can we learn about history through fiction?' and, 'How is our world changing?'. In the second half term, we will be looking at two other high quality texts 'I Was A Rat' and 'The Quest' which will teach us to appreciate the differences in people and to enjoy our imaginations. Through these texts we will be teaching the children a range of writing techniques that allow them to plan, write, evaluate, proof read and edit their work, incorporating a range of age appropriate grammatical features and spellings.

In Maths, we will start our term by revisiting 'place value' for 3 digit numbers before moving onto 4 digit numbers which will include ordering, comparing and rounding. Shortly after, we will introduce addition and subtraction with formal written methods. We will also begin introducing negative numbers and roman numerals while consistently revisiting times tables. In the second part of the term, we will be teaching the children about the different units of measure before moving on to multiplication and division using formal written methods. Each unit of work will contain challenges in the form of problem solving where children will be encouraged to apply their skills to answer a range of challenging questions.

In Science we will explore the science behind sound and in the second half term, we will begin our learning of the different states of matter: solids, liquids and gasses. There will be lots of opportunity for children to take part in investigations and to ask and answer questions while learning scientific vocabulary and skills such as using a thermometer effectively and appropriately.

In History and Geography we will be studying 'The Romans' and canals and rivers in Manchester. Map work, studying timelines and enquiries will be central to both of these topics with key knowledge and vocabulary underpinning them. These two topics also offer exciting opportunities for enhancing learning through school trips. These will be confirmed soon.

In Computing we will be revisiting the importance of online safety utilising the online platform 'Purple Mash' before moving on to 'coding' using 'Scratch'.

Art and Design will enable us to learn about famous artists and designers and will be preparing to create final pieces of work which will follow a design process over a number of weeks. In DT, our final product will be a useable tote bag and in art, we will have recreated a drawing of a waterfall using wax crayons which will form part of a large display.

In Music, we will be studying a brief history of harmony (Plainsong to pop song) and have the opportunity to make up and notate our own tune and drone accompaniment using both treble and bass clef notation.

In Modern Foreign Languages (French), we will be learning how to respond to a story, how to buy things and order from a menu.

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) which is statutory learning, will begin by teaching the children the importance of respecting our bodies and other people's bodies, what puberty is and how bodies change. We understand this is a sensitive topic but we hope to reassure you that this will be delivered in a safe, sensitive and age appropriate way.

More information can be found on our school website: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/>

Please be aware that the first class assemblies are to be recorded and will be uploaded to the school facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Trips to be confirmed
- 27th September – Class Mass (virtual, via Church Services TV)
- 25th – 29th October Half term
- 10th November – Parent’s Evening
- 3rd December – Class Assembly
- 14th December (2pm and 6pm) – Lower Key Stage 2 Nativity
- 22nd December – Term ends at 2.20pm

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Adam, Mr Stubbs and Miss Dewhurst