

Year Four Meet the Teacher- 2020 Covid Style!

Meet the staff working in Year Four...

Mrs Flintham

I will be teaching year 4 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I have been teaching at Sacred Heart for ten years and have taught in each key stage. I currently lead reading across the school. I love reading, art and spending time swimming and paddle boarding with my family.



Mrs Ricketts Class Teacher

I will be teaching Year 4 on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I have taught at Sacred Heart for 15 years and have been in Y4 for the past 3 years. I lead writing and KS2. I love walking, reading and cycling with my family outside of school.



Mrs Spackman Teaching Assistant

I am the TA for year 4 and have worked at Sacred Heart for the last 2 years. I have been working with children for the last 10 years, firstly as a childminder following this I have worked in local primary schools. I love baking, running and walking my dog around the local area.



Mrs Pederson Teaching Assistant

I am a TA in year 4 here at Sacred Heart. I have worked with children for the past 10 years including Montessori Nursery, playgroup, primary secondary school TA, and as an au-pair in Germany. I have one daughter and two cats and love the outdoors.



Covid logistics- a reminder

The staggered start time slot for Year four is **8:55am – 9:05am**. Please ensure that you arrive within this time slot to prevent mixing with other bubbles on the playground.

The end of the day for Year Four is **2:55pm- 3:05 pm** and the children must be collected within this time slot- siblings will be brought to the playground to meet you at this time.

We currently have outdoor PE with Mrs Ricketts on a Thursday. Please ensure the children come to school in **PE kit** on this day, with warm outer clothing as we approach the colder weather.

The Curriculum

Each half term you will receive a Curriculum Newsletter with details of our Enquiry Projects and what the children will be learning. This year we will be learning about: Roman Britain; Electricity and games; Dartmoor and volcanoes; Brunel and cities around the world. The children will also be participating in enterprising projects to raise money for a charity. Year 4 will also be working towards their national times table assessment, which they will complete at the end of the year. Timetables practice on TT Rockstars will therefore be an integral part of our home learning and we expect for children to practice daily at home. Children will have the opportunity to read and quiz on their AR books in class every day.

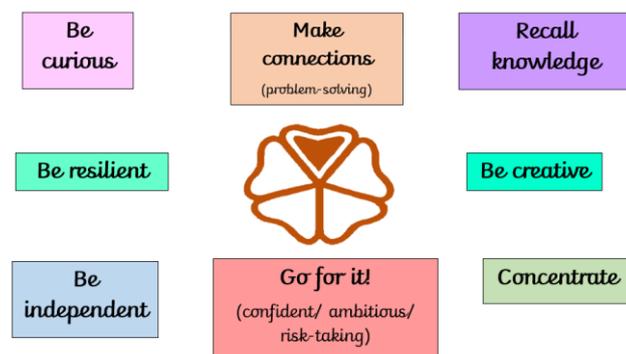
The Fundamental Principles of our school

We continue to live, learn and represent the Gospel in our school Gospel Values of



In addition, we have three rules that everyone at Sacred Heart follows in all that we do... **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be safe.**

In lessons, the children are encouraged to reflect the learning behaviours of



How is Year Four different to Year Three?

In Year 4, we encourage children to be 'independent' learners, by attempting to solve problems and challenges by trying independently before seeking support. We also encourage children to approach tasks with perseverance, determination and a 'can do' attitude. In year 4 it is an expectation that children join their letters consistently in order to gain their 'pen licence'. This is something that we will continue to develop in handwriting lessons over the year. Children are expected to recall all time tables facts to 12 rapidly and corresponding division facts. We will be revising spellings from previous year groups in order to ensure that children can spell all key words accurately. All curriculum subjects increase in challenge and children will be recapping the Year three objectives that we were unable to learn during lockdown.

Home Learning

At present we are trying to limit the risk of infection by limiting what we send home and receive back into school; therefore, we are not sending children's Accelerated Reader books home during the week. However, they will be sent home on a Friday to be returned on a Monday. Please sign the reading record to show your child has read with an adult. We expect children to practice TT Rockstars on a daily basis. Weekly spellings will also be sent home to practice. We will soon begin a virtual home learning process using Google Classrooms for weekly homework tasks- more information on this will come shortly.

A final note from Mrs. Flintham and Mrs. Ricketts

The Year 4 team have been incredibly impressed with how the children have adapted to both a new year group, and the rules and routines to keep our school community safe. Even though many children have not been in school for almost six months, we have been amazed how they have returned with excitement to see their friends, and enthusiasm to get back to their learning. It is almost as though they have never been away! We plan to deliver our Curriculum rigorously and to the full, and are prepared for any disruptions to learning that may occur during the academic year. Due to the staggered drop off times, it may be that you are not always able to speak to us in the mornings or afternoons; therefore, please email, flintham@shrcps.org and ricketts@shrcps.org to communicate any questions or concerns. Alternatively, you can phone the school, leave a message and we will return the call as soon as we are available.

Year 4 have truly made a wonderful start to the new academic year: already demonstrating their maturity and resilience adapting to the new school life. We look forward to the exciting year of learning that lies ahead!

Mrs Flintham & Mrs. Ricketts