

Sacred Heart Prep, 2026

Welcome to Term 4

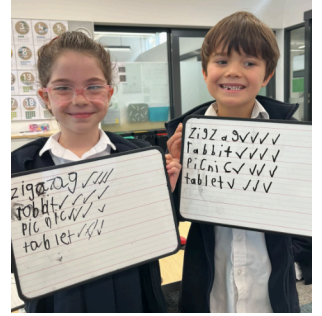
Prep Storytime - 15th October, 5.00-6.30pm

MSL- What does it mean?

Multisensory Structured Learning (MSL) is an evidence based approach that uses explicit teaching to inform students of common spelling rules and patterns.

This term students will focus on;

- Reading rules - thief 'y', sounds of ai/ay, ou/ow, oa/ow, igh, r controlled vowels and 'ee'
- Recognising common irregular words
- Reading fluency
- Handwriting (phoneme to grapheme)
- Reviewing and practising the skills they have learnt this year



The Writing Revolution

This term we are continuing on with our explicit teaching of The Writing Revolution (TWR) lessons and introducing the genre of Narrative through the Narrative Hill.

This term in Writing...

- Identify groups of words as either a fragment or a sentence.
- Complete sentences when provided with a sentence stem containing a subordinate conjunction (before, after)
- Introduce Narrative writing (orientation, setting, characters, explanation of the problem and building toward the resolution)

Mathematics

Throughout Term 4, Prep students will engage in explicit and direct instruction to explore key mathematical concepts, including. Students will be learning:

- **Data:** sorting objects based on a single attribute into two groups, and identifying which group has more or less.
- **Location:** following and creating movement on a grid or board by moving a given number of squares.
- **Counting and Place Value:** recognising and identifying ordinal positions on a number track.
- **Measurement (length, mass, capacity, and time):** exploring and solving simple problems involving mass and capacity.



Topic

Term 4: Material Features and Features of Plants and Animals

This term in Science, students will explore materials and their properties, investigating the different materials used to make everyday objects and why particular materials are chosen for different purposes. They will also explore the features of plants and animals, identifying similarities and differences, observing plant parts and animal features, and developing ways to sort and group living things.



Religion

Term 4: The season of Advent and Christmas

Students will continue to explore different scripture passages taken from the Bible, which will encourage them to establish connections between themselves and how they can be followers of Jesus. This term, students will learn about how Advent is a time of waiting and hoping as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Respectful Relationships

Term 4 : Topics 4 & 5

This term in Respectful Relationships, students are learning how to solve problems and manage big feelings in positive ways. They're practising kind problem-solving steps like stopping, thinking and trying fair solutions with friends. Students are also exploring calming strategies such as deep breathing, mindfulness and talking to a trusted adult to help them feel safe and ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Let's enjoy every moment leading into the transition to Year 1!



Kind Regards,

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