St Bart's Quick Guide To: Years 1 and 2

Welcome To Key Stage 1

We hope that you have had a fantastic Summer break and we are really excited to be welcoming the children back into Years 1 and 2. We have produced this guide to let you know important information relating to your child's education and time in Key Stage 1.

Our curriculum

In years 1 and 2 we strive to make our topics relevant and engaging for the children. There are areas of provision within classrooms that further enhance key learning and give children opportunities to explore and learn independently.

The topics covered this year are:

Year 1

Autumn:
-Be Bold Be Brave Be You
-Fun Times And Festivals

Spring:
-Antarctic Adventures
-Roots, Shoots And Muddy Boots

Summer:
-Safari
-Our World Our Future

Year 2

Autumn:
Castles, Kings And Queens

Spring:
Bright Lights Big City

Summer:
Land Ahoy!

We photograph and celebrate all the fantastic learning the children do in class on our school website. Also there are further links to all curriculum subjects if you would like to access more information.

Things to remember each day

- Reading books and Home Reading Record
- Homework folder
- Coats in bad weather
- Reading/maths rucksack if your child has it

Please make sure all items of clothing are named

Reading

Reading is incredibly important and is one of our key priorities. Research shows that children who are read to and heard read regularly make much faster progress and attain higher outcomes than those who do not have such opportunities. Reading helps children engage with the world around them and opens the door to other curriculum areas. Therefore we expect children to read at home at least 3 times per week. Children will bring home a new book each week and these books must be returned every day so children can practice in school too.

We will be contacting the parents/carers of children who attend school without their reading book regularly.

To help develop children's enjoyment of reading and stories we will be continuing to send home the reading rucksacks each Friday with 2 children per class. Throughout the year every child will have a turn to take home the rucksack. We would love you to share pictures of children enjoying the hot chocolate and stories on our website! Please can we ask that all items in the rucksack such as torches, books and teddies are returned every Monday so other children can have the opportunity to take them home.

PE

Children will need to come in their PE kits on the following days:
Class 3: Monday and Thursday
Class 4: Monday and Tuesday
Class 5: Wednesday and Thursday
Class 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

PE Kit:
Trainers, jogging bottoms or shorts, a school T shirt and a jumper (in cold weather)

For safety reasons NO earrings should be worn for PE and trainers rather than shoes.

Homework

Reading

Children are expected to read their reading book at home 3 times per week. There is a Home Reading Record for adults to fill in with the pages that children have read and any comments they wish to make. Teachers will look at these and award 'Track it' points to children who have brought in a completed Home Reading Record.

English and Maths

All children will be given a homework folder that will be handed out every Monday. This will have weekly spelling tasks and sometimes additional tasks to complete that week.

For Maths homework we use an online resource called 'Numbots' that children can access to support with their number knowledge. You will receive information about this. Please see your child's teacher if you have not or need help logging on.

Learning Challenges

For families who would like to complete further activities that focus on the wider curriculum, children will be bringing home 'Learning Challenges' in their homework folder. Each half term there are 4 optional activities for children to do if they wish. Once a challenge has been completed please hand in the folder so the teacher can see the wonderful work children have completed.

Drop off and collection

Children in Classes 3 and 4 (Year 1) will come into school through the Year 1 door. Class 3 will be collected from the same door and Class 4 from the shelter door.
Classes 5 and 6 (Year 2) will be dropped off and collected from their classroom door.

School opens at 8:30 and finishes at 3:20. The classroom doors will be shut promptly at 3:30. If you arrive late after this time please collect your child from the school office.

Meet the staff in Years 1 and 2



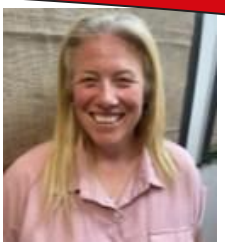
Mrs McCaffrey - Assistant Headteacher and KS1 Leader



Mr Waddell - Class 3 teacher



Miss O'Brien - Class 3 TA



Mrs Morris- KS1 TA



Mrs Craig - Class 4 teacher



Miss Henty - Class 4 TA



Miss McSkimmings - Class 5 teacher



Mrs Sagoo - Class 5 TA



Mrs Watson - Class 6 teacher



Miss Riyat- Class 6 TA



Miss Giliker KS1 TA



Miss Harvey - Teacher across KS1



Mrs Hartnett - KS1 SENDCO



Miss Bedford - Class 3 and 5 TA