

# 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.
- Spelling books and any other homework books
- 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 Thursday
- Class 5: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Class 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

#### PE Kit:

Trainers, jogging bottoms or shorts, a red T shirt (provided by school) and a jumper (in cold weather)

**For safety reasons NO earrings should be worn for PE.**

### Homework

#### Reading

Children are expected to read their reading book at home every night. There is a Home Reading Record for parents/carers 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.

#### Spelling (pink books)

Children will be bringing their spelling book home at least twice per week. There is guidance on how this is to be completed in the front of the books. It is really important that these books are kept safe and not lost, as they will provide a record of the key words children know how to spell.

#### Maths

Maths homework books are given on a Monday and need returning on a Friday. There is also an online resource called 'Numbots' that children can access to support with their number knowledge. You should have already received information about this. Please see your child's teacher if you have not.

#### Learning Challenges

Following our recent parental survey, many parents/carers requested further homework opportunities that focused on the wider curriculum. Children will be bringing home their 'Learning Challenge' book. 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 book so the teacher can see the wonderful work children have completed.

### Drop off and collection

Children in Classes 4,5 and 6 will be dropped off and collected from their classroom door. Children in Class 3 will be dropped off and collected from the door next to Class 4. School opens at 8:30 and finishes at 3:20.



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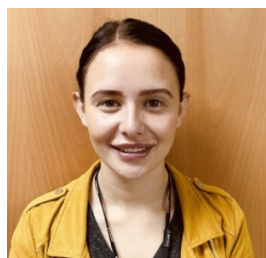
# Meet the staff in Years 1 and 2



**Mrs McCaffrey -  
Assistant Headteacher  
and KS1 Leader**



**Mr Waddell -  
Class 3 teacher**



**Miss Henty -  
Class 3 TA**



**Miss Joy -  
Class 3 TA**



**Miss Hainsworth -  
Class 4 teacher**



**Miss O'Brien -  
Class 4 TA**



**Mrs Hartnett -  
Class 5 teacher**



**Mrs Sagoo -  
Class 5 TA**



**Mrs Watson -  
Class 6 teacher**



**Miss Riyat -  
Class 6 TA**



**Miss Giliker  
KS1 TA**



**Mrs Schofield -  
Teacher and KS1 SENDCO**



**Miss Bedford -  
Class 3 and 5 TA**



**Miss Mills -  
HLTA**



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