

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2021



It is lovely having everybody's smiling faces back to school since September, We have less children having to isolate now and have some 'normality' back in our lives! It is lovely to have the school full again!

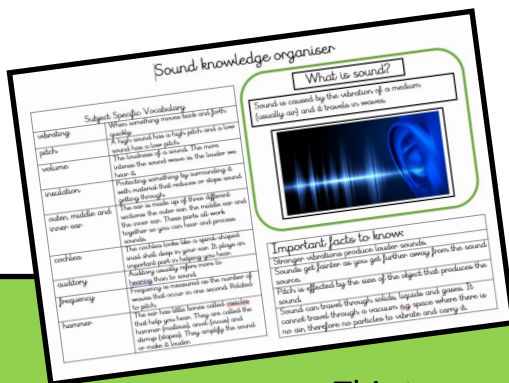
Our curriculum

We are very proud of our school curriculum.



Our curriculum will:

- Raise aspirations
- Develop essential skills across all curriculum areas
- Be inclusive for all learners including disadvantaged, EAL, SEND
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Prepare pupils for their next step in education
- Teach reading as the 'master skill'
- Provide all children with daily mathematics, reading and English
- Cover a broad range of curriculum subjects in a good level of detail



Knowledge organisers

This term, we have started using 'Knowledge Organisers'. We have sent a copy of these home too. They tell us all of the important information we need to learn and remember from some of our topics.

Year 6 science

To support their knowledge and understanding in science, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed dissecting sheep hearts and investigating the structure of them.





Mental health!

At school, we are all too aware how much lockdowns have affected children's mental health. Now we are all back in school, we got to celebrate Hello Yellow day, where we dressed up in yellow and talked openly about our mental health and how we can improve it! We also raised £322 for charity!



Here at St Bart's, we have been celebrating Black History Month. Each year group studied a different key area, including carnival, Mary Seale and the Crimean War, the Windrush generation, civil rights, including important historical figures, slave trade and the BLM movement.

We also enjoyed some workshops during our special week. We took part in African dance sessions, African drumming workshops and enjoyed playing steel pan drums.



A visit from Parliament...

Years 3 and 4 were excited to get to meet Rachel Reeves this term. Rachel came into school to tell us all about Parliament and answered lots of our questions that we asked her.





Year 1

local walk

Children in Year 1 have really enjoyed exploring the local area around our school. They visited places of interest such as the library, the church and the leisure center and were able to understand why these places are important.



This term, we had an author called 'Tom Palmer' in school to work with groups of children and inspire us to write! Tom is known for his sport inspired stories!

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We have started clubs again! We try to get children involved in a range of clubs to enrich our curriculum further and help them pursue interests outside of school. Our clubs this term have included KS2 boys football, KS2 girls football, yoga, netball and keyboard club.



Armley Mills history visit

Children in Years 3 and 4 had an excellent trip visiting Armley Mills. Whilst there, we enjoyed dressing up and attending a Victorian schoolroom. We saw what it was like for a Victorian child during the era.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



We are very excited at school to be able to unveil our new additions to our playground. We now have a MUGA (Multi use games area) and a gym. We are using these during play-times and during PE lessons!



Harvest Festival

We would like to say a massive thankyou to all of the children and families who contributed to our Harvest Festival!



Fieldwork

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed doing some local fieldwork. Through our studies of the local area, we went out and completed sketch drawings of the canal and famous buildings in Armley.



Swimming

Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed getting back to the local swimming pools each week!



Music at St Bart's



We have been very lucky this half term to have a music teacher in school. Years 5 and 6 have been working with a lady called 'LaLa' to support our children and give our staff lots of training!



COMPETITIONS

Competitions are back! Mr Blackburn has started taking children back to team competitions. This term included a group of children going 10 pin bowling, as well as various other sporting tournaments.



Art

In Autumn term, all year groups look at drawing and painting in their art curriculum. Look at some of our amazing work from across school!



HISTORY

This term, Year 6 were lucky to have some real life artifacts to bring our WW2 topic to life. Year 4 were also impressed by their Victorian artifacts. We got to handle the artifacts and see some real life evidence from the time!



Christmas

Wow! What a Christmas celebration we have had. We took part in a range of activities, including our class parties. We also had a visit from some real life reindeer that flew in to visit us! We also enjoyed watching a pantomime called 'Dick Whittington', as well as going up to Church to sing carols with Father Michael!



Our amazing choir joined us at Church on a Sunday too to perform songs in the Christingle service. Thanks to all of the families that came.



Computing

Year 6 have been programming a device in order to construct a step counter, which would work in the same way as a Fitbit or Apple Watch.



Languages

Head over to the languages page on our website to see a video celebrating all the different languages we have in school. As well as learning French in our MFL lessons, we have so many children that speak a different language at home!



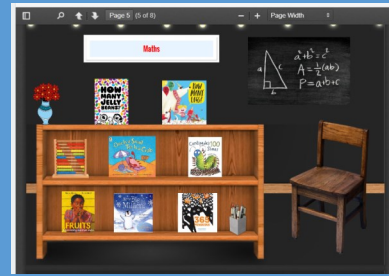
DT



All year groups have enjoyed their DT projects this term. Year 6 have been practising their sewing skills and Year 3 and 4 have been making lighthouses. Year 2 have enjoyed designing and constructing castles.

Maths

Reception have enjoyed finding things in the local area to use to represent numbers. They used conkers to show the numbers 1, 2 and 3.



There are also now many books on the school's virtual library to support both reading and maths!

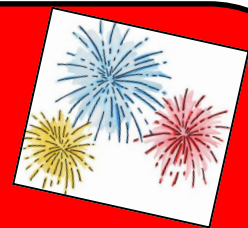


Seed gathering in the local area

Year 5 enjoyed going to Armley Park to attend a seed gathering workshop.



Fire safety



Before bonfire night, KS2 had a visit from a local police officer to talk to us about how to keep ourselves safe, especially around fires and fireworks.



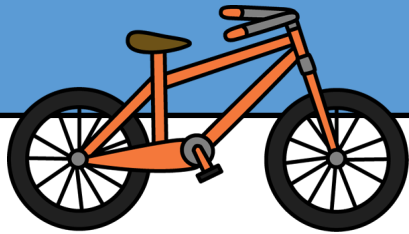
Visiting a castle!



Year 2 have been learning about castles in the past. Our visit enabled us to explore what life would have been like, as well as identify the features of a castle.

Bikeability!

Children in Year 6 enjoyed learning how to ride bikes and safety aspects about being sensible near roads. They also looked at bike maintenance and what constitutes safe equipment.



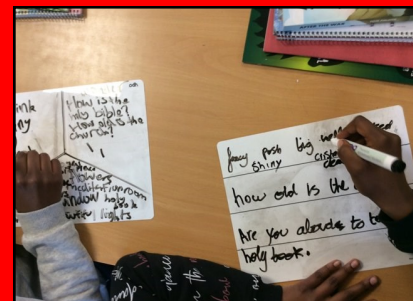
Scooters!



Year 5 took part in a scooter workshop, that taught us how to stay safe whilst out on our scooters, when using the pavements and the roads in the local area. We also have two new scooter racks to store scooters in safely and we encourage children to come to school on them!

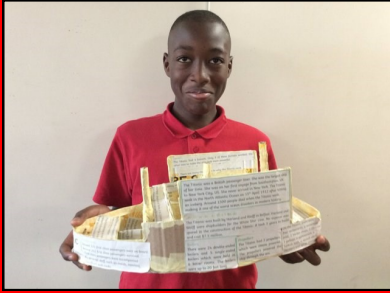


Virtual temple tour



Year 6 went on a virtual tour of a Sikh temple and described what they could see, as well as any questions they would ask a tour guide if they were there.

Homework



Children across school have started getting different homework projects linked to their wider curriculum topics. How amazing are these Titanic structures that some Year 5 children made at home?



On 11th November, we remembered all of the people who lost their lives for us in wars. We raised lots of money by buying poppies and held a special 2 minutes silence to show our respect. Years 2 and 4 also created some fantastic art to show their respect for the fallen soldiers.



WW2 trip!

Year 6 had an amazing day at Eden Camp. The children spent the day experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of life on the home front and the front line. This trip really helped develop their understanding of their history topic.



Leeds United!

The Year 3 and 4 football team were coached by coaches from Leeds United.

After the training session the children competed in games.

They showed excellent team work and scored some fantastic goals.



Christmas jumper day

We were amazed at the effort children showed with their Christmas jumpers. Lots of children even made their own designs! We are very proud to have raised over £215 for the Save the children charity!



Anti-bullying day!



Children across school wore odd socks for the day! In classes, we spoke about our similarities and differences and discussed what bullying is and how it can make people feel.

Guy Fawkes!

Year 1 had a great day learning about why we celebrate bonfire night. Guy Fawkes came into school to perform an assembly to classes 4, 5 and 6. The children were invited to act too. We learnt about the different people that were involved in the Gun powder plot and how the events happened.





Police visit!

Year 1 were lucky to have the police come into school to visit us. They told us about all the different jobs they do and how they help people.

We learned about how we can stay safe and people who help to keep us safe.



Diwali

Last week Mrs Sagoo visited classes in KS1 to talk about how she celebrates Diwali with her family and friends.

Children really enjoyed learning about why Diwali is celebrated around the world.

They asked questions and found out about special artefacts and objects associated with this.



School of Rock!

Children in Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a performance from a rock band! We listened to them play music, as well as joining in at times. Some children will be forming a rock band next term with their help!



Puppies!

Reception had some very small and very cute visitors. We had some Lhasa Apso puppies come to visit us. They were so soft and playful. We each got to stroke the puppies, if we wanted to. We talked about how we care for animals and that we need to feed dogs, walk them, bath them and play with them.

