

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Eden Camp

Year 6 children spent the day experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of life on the Home Front and the Front Line. A favourite was the new 'Blitz' hut featuring images of planes flying overhead. Children also enjoyed the opportunity of seeing armoured vehicles up close.



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

Anglo-Saxon workshops

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an immersive Anglo-Saxon workshop. We had a visitor come into school to show us a range of different artefacts used by Anglo Saxons. We were amazed how heavy some of their armour was, and some of us enjoyed trying on different warrior outfits.





COMMANDO JOE'S[®]

Realising your potential

Commando Joe's is a character building programme that we have started using at St Bart's! We take part in a fortnightly session that helps us be successful, both in and out of school.

We learn about ways that we can show RESPECT:

- Resilience
- Empathy
- Self Awareness
- Positivity
- Excellence
- Communication
- Team work

It involves looking at famous explorers and taking part in missions with our friends. It allows us to transform our school hall or playground into the Amazon Rainforest, or even Mount Everest to become real life explorers ourselves and to work as a team to complete challenges. In our hall, we have a top secret box with all the things we need to realise our full potential!

These are the explorers we learn about:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Traditional Tales 	Pocohontas 	Spartacus 	Ed Stafford 	Tim Peake 	Nancy Wake 
Simba and Me 	Sam Pepys 	Sir Ernest Shackleton 	Kira Salak 	Leif Erikson 	Amelia Earheart 
Steve Backshall and Me 	The Queen 	Nellie Bly 	Levison Wood 	Sir Ranulph Fiennes 	Ibn Battuta 



RE visitors

Year 6 enjoyed a talk from two special visitors talking about Gideon bibles. All the children then received their own Gideon bible.

Thank you to the visitors for taking the time to talk about the Gideon bible.



Scooter safety

Year 3 enjoyed their scooter safety sessions. They enjoyed riding their scooters in the playground and the local area.

We learned how to cross roads safely and enjoyed learning how to keep control of our scooters.



Bikeability

Year 2 have enjoyed the road safety visits from Leeds City Council. We learned how to ride a bike around the playground and discussed keeping safe when on them. We also looked at equipment to keep us safe, such as helmets and knee pads.



Classroom Kitchen

Year 2 have worked with Mr D from Classroom Kitchen this term, to make layered fruit pots.

We had to use our cutting skills to prepare the fruit, before adding different ingredients.



Mountain Biking



Years 5 and 6 have had a fantastic time at Middleton Urban Bike Park over the past 2 weeks and have been testing their skills on the trails on mountain bikes and BMXs. Each class is going twice this year.



Harvest Festival

We would like to say a massive thankyou to all of the children and families who contributed to our Harvest Festival! We had a service in church and met our new church leader, Father Tim!

Ice skating

Years 3 and 4 have been very excited to go ice-skating this term. Each class gets the chance to go twice to learn new skills. Many children had never been ice skating before!



Rock hunting



Years 3 and 4 went on a rock hunt to identify and compare the rocks in our local area.

We found lots of natural and man-made rocks being used for different things.

We found evidence of erosion and discussed why some things are used today.

Knights and Castles



Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful workshop about Knights and Castles. The children dressed up as kings, queens, squires and knights! They looked fantastic! A huge thank you to the parents and carers who helped prepare these costumes. The children had lots of opportunities to learn about the medieval ages and they even danced to the music from this era. They also handled some of the weaponry and chainmail used by the knights who defended the castles.

Drama sessions

Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying weekly drama lessons with Lala. We have been working on our performance and drama skills. The sessions have helped develop our self-confidence.



Anti-bullying workshops

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in an anti-bullying drama workshop. We learned what bullying is and now understand what it is when somebody is unkind several times. We worked in teams to create freeze frames of what bullying may look like and discussed ways to deal with it in school.



Leeds United sessions

Year 6 took part in a workshop with Leeds Utd.

We were learning about negative and positive choices and how we can be responsible young adults.

Recycling centre

Years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Veolia 'Leeds Recycling Energy Recovery Facility'.

Children spent time asking questions about the facility, completing sorting activities, taking part in a quiz and viewing the 'Green Living Wall'.



Teddy Bear Hospital



The Teddy Bear Hospital came to visit reception. They taught us how doctors keep people (and teddies!) safe, including brushing our teeth, CPR, first aid and healthy eating.

Down a coal mine!



Years 3 and 4 took a visit to the Coal Mining Museum this term.

They had a great time investigating different types of sedimentary rock, including coal, and took a trip 140m below the surface to where the miners used to work.

Phonics open morning!



We were delighted to welcome reception parents and our chair of governors into school for our phonics information morning.

Our English and phonics leaders delivered a presentation to parents outlining our approach to teaching phonics using the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' programme and how they could support their children with reading at home.



Parents then enjoyed time with their children playing phonics games and reading a range of books.

Remembrance



Across school, we talked about why we commemorate remembrance day. We held a 2 minute silence to show our respect and did lots of different work around school.



Football



The year 5 and 6 football team did magnificently in a competition this term.

They also got to meet Luis Sinisterra, who currently plays for Leeds United.



Benchball tournament

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed going to a benchball tournament. We got to play against other local schools.



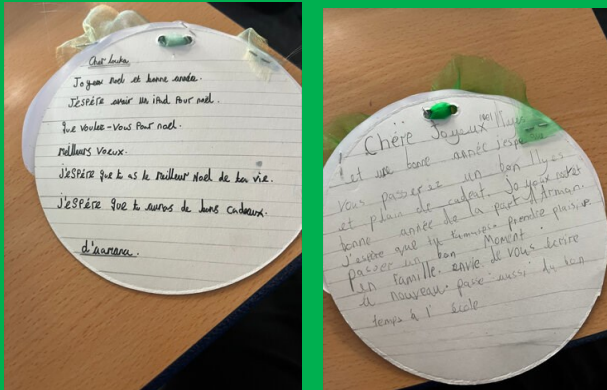
Christmas jumper day!

We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers at school and raised an amazing £224 for the Save the Children charity!



French Pen Pals

Children in Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying writing Christmas wishes to our French pen pals. We have also been learning about Christmas in France. We look forward to our next messages from our French friends!



Christmas Plays!

Children in all classes have taken part in a Christmas productions. Some years did a nativity play and others did Christmas songs. Please see our website to watch our performances!



Festive Farm!

We were very excited to be visited by the festive farm this year! Children got to have pictures with a range of animals, all wearing their own Christmas jumpers! Children were very excited to meet them and hear about how they are looked after, as well as getting a picture with them to take home.





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