



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

How are we developing our school?

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Dear Children (and parents/carers) of St Bartholomew's CE Primary School,

I am writing to you to share with you what the school is working on this academic year (September 2018 until July 2019). Every year the school has to write what is called a 'School Development Plan' (SDP). This is a large document (21 pages this year) and is used to help all the adults help make the school a better place to learn for you. Obviously, I can't give you a copy of the plan as $21 \text{ pages} \times 113 \text{ children} = 2373 \text{ pages}$ of copying!

However, all the adults believe that it is important that you know what is in the SDP so I have summarised it below. There are four main areas that we are working on:

1. Objective: To develop teaching and learning in a supportive environment so that it is consistent across the whole school. Ensure spelling is taught at least three times weekly (20 minutes x 3) and NC spellings are sent home and tested weekly.
2. To ensure that Maths skills are applied across the curriculum and that these are highlighted. To ensure that girls and pupil premium children make as much progress as boys, leading to sustained outcomes. To develop oracy skills through the use of thinking stems / reasoning in Maths.
3. To ensure that PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) is of a high quality and children's emotional intelligence is enhanced because of this. To embed PSHE / RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) in the curriculum and link to the Christian values of the school.
4. To ensure that an investigative approach continues to be taught in Science and those skills are used across the wider curriculum, particularly Maths. Children are able to plan and investigate their own scientific enquiries and reach conclusions based on evidence.

I hope that you agree there is a lot to work on to make our school even better than it is already (and it is already great!). With your help we can achieve all of these aims.

Thank you and best wishes

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