

**St Aidan's Curriculum Information Booklet
for
Pupils, Parents and Carers**

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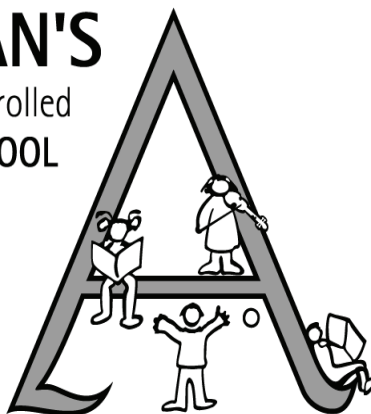
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Term: Spring 1 2011

Explore, Dream, Discover ... celebrating learning with the community!

This half term we will be focusing on

Dinosaurs!

Our topic for this half-term is '**Dinosaurs**'. We will be learning lots of interesting things and having great fun through the **six areas of learning**. If you have any books, artefacts or if you are a dinosaur expert, please let us know, as this will really enhance our topic!

Reading

In literacy, we will be continuing to change your child's reading books once a week.

Please encourage your child to bring their book bag daily and please make sure the class book and journal are within the bag.

In RML, we will be beginning to teach the children in small groups. Your child may be bringing home a sheet to **practise the speed sounds**, a **ditty sheet with short sentences** or a **green RML book**.

The children will be working on activities suited to their individual needs, so please do not be concerned if your child is doing different activities to their friends-it will be best suited to your child.

Joy will be writing in your child's journal once a week and would find it very helpful if you could use this book to tell us when you have read or worked with your child and whether your child enjoyed the activity.

Joy will also be providing a sheet detailing how to form each letter correctly.

Communication Language & Literacy

Skills covered include:

- Speaking clearly and audibly with confidence and control.
- Linking sounds to letters, making and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Using phonic knowledge to write simple regular words and make phonetically plausible attempts at complex words.
- Pupils' writing their names, labels and captions.
- Using a pencil to form recognisable letters.

Problem Solving, Reasoning & Number

Skills covered include:

- Finding one more and one less than a given number from 1-10.
- Adding and subtracting numbers.
- Using the language of position .
- Comparing the weights of different objects.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

Skills covered include:

- Selecting tools and techniques to shape, assemble and join materials.
- Using ICT to support learning.
- Finding out about the past and events in children's lives and their families.
- Learning about the environment and expressing like and dislikes.
- Asking questions about why things happen and how things work.

Creative Development

Skills covered include:

- Expressing and communicating ideas thoughts and feelings using a wide range of materials, tools imaginative role playing and movement.
- Designing and making musical instruments.
- Exploring colour and texture in 2 and 3D.
- Singing simple songs from memory.
- Using imagination in art, design, music, dance and drama.

Physical Development -Our P.E sessions will now take place on **Mondays**.

Skills covered include:

- Moving with control and coordination.
- Showing an awareness of space.
- Knowing the importance of being healthy.
- Recognising changes that happen to their bodies when they are active.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Skills covered include:

- Being more confident to try new activities , initiating ideas and speaking in groups.
- Maintaining attention, concentration and sitting quietly when appropriate.
- Developing respect for cultures and beliefs of others.
- Working as part of a group or class.
- Taking turns and sharing fairly.
- Understanding right and wrong.

Supporting your child

From **Monday the 17th January**, we will be putting up a timetable for parents to come in to help in Red Class. The sessions will take place in the afternoons between 1.30 and 3.15pm.

- While it is still cold, please make sure your child has a warm coat and hat to wear at school.
- Please provide a water bottle for your child to drink.
- Please remember **NO NUT** ingredients or derivatives in packed lunches.
- **Parent Consultation evenings will take place on 17th and 24th March in the school hall between 3.40 and 6.30pm.**
- If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.