

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

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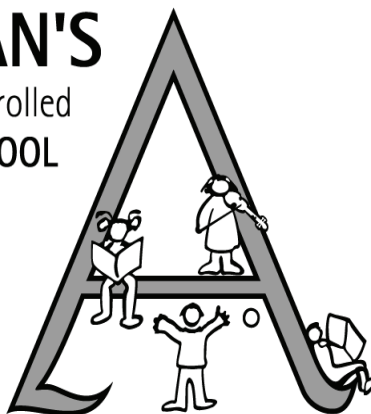
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Spring One

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Assembly Date: 18th February 2011

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

This half term we will be focusing on...

Connector - Celebrity

Every child matters focus – Achieve Economic Wellbeing

Our class events are:

- We will have a celebrity red carpet day where we can dress up as celebrities through history and interview each other. We will film our interviews and write about what we did. Date to be confirmed.
- We will also be visiting the Olympic Park's View Tube which will give us an exciting opportunity to have a look at where the Olympics will be held next year! This visit will take place on the 27th January. More details to follow.

Core Skills -

- Understand others through talk.
- Appreciate the experiences of others.
- Solve number problems in real life situations.
- Find, analyse, interpret, evaluate and present information using ICT for a range of purposes.
- Set goals for my personal development.
- Plan ways to solve a problem.
- Monitor progress in tackling a problem.
- Assess progress in learning.

Language & Communication: English & French

- We will begin this term by looking at letter writing in English. We will read a range of letters and think about why the letter has been written, what information it contains, how the letter is laid out, and what punctuation has been used. We will then write our own letters for a range of different purposes.
- After that, we will be looking at different stories by the same author, particularly focusing on the Flat Stanley series of books by Jeff Brown. We will think more about character and plot and we will write our own stories about Flat Stanley. We will also take part in a Flat Stanley exchange where we swap mini Flat Stanleys with another school and write about what our visiting Stanleys get up to!
- In French we will be acting out fairy tales and learning about the artist Matisse. We will also develop our conversational vocabulary.

Mathematical Understanding

- We will practise speedy recall of our multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- We will add two-digit numbers by partitioning into tens and units.
- We will measure accurately in centimeters and metres.
- We will solve problems involving money.
- We will learn to tell the time.
- We will understand the place value of digits in three-digit numbers.
- We will use mathematical vocabulary accurately.
- We will apply our number facts to solving problems.

History, Geography & Citizenship

- This half term in History we will be learning about Florence Nightingale. We will learn what Florence Nightingale did and consider why she is an important person to remember. We will then compare Florence Nightingale to Mary Seacole, looking for similarities and differences in their stories.
- In Geography we will learn about Jamaica (where Mary Seacole was from). We will use an atlas to find the location of Jamaica and we will learn how things that grow naturally in Jamaica can be used as herbal remedies.
In Citizenship we will think about how doctors and nurses are people who help us. We will have a hospital role play area where we can act out these roles.

ICT

- In ICT we will be creating our own 2D animations with help from Ms Wass. We will watch and analyse different animations; make a storyboard to show what our animations will look like; make the set and characters for our animations; film our animations and add sound!

Physical Development, Health & Well Being

- We will be developing our gymnastics skills by twisting, turning and spinning in a variety of ways. We will improve our balance and body tension. We will use apparatus in the hall safely.
- In outdoor P.E we will work on attacking and defending skills and apply these to different games.
- We have P.E on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**; please make sure your child has a P.E kit in school on these days. A P.E kit should consist of a t-shirt, trousers or shorts, and trainers or pumps. Please label all items of clothing.
- Our SEAL topic this term is 'Going for Goals'. We will think about how famous people have achieved their goals and decide how we can achieve goals that we have.
- In PSHEE we will learn about the importance of looking after our money.

The Arts: Music, Drama & Visual Art

- This term our music lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings with Adrian. We will sing songs and learn to play different percussion instruments.
- In Art we will look at portraits and consider what they can tell us about famous people through history. We will use sketching pencils and paints to create our own portraits.
- Linking with our learning in French we will also look at the work of Henri Matisse. We will examine his use of colour and the different techniques that he used to create his art.

R.E.

- We will be visiting Holy Trinity church on Wednesday 19th January to learn more about how Christians worship.
- We will also be learning about Islamic beliefs and the importance of prayer.

Supporting your child

- You can help your child by supporting them with their spellings, reading and homework.
- Children should be reading at home at least 5 times a week.

Library visits

This half term we will be visiting Stroud Green Library every Thursday at 11.15 to listen to stories and read books. Children can take books home if they have a library card so please encourage your child to bring their library card to school with them on Thursdays. If your child does not have a library card then please collect an application form from me or the library.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress at one of the next Parent's Evenings on **Thursday 17th** and **Thursday 24th of March**.