

St. Andrew's Primary Learning Overview Miss McDade Primary 2



Literacy Maths	
Reading – The children will engage in fluency and comprehension activities for 4 days every week. They will usually cover two reading books each week. Writing - In addition to written comprehension tasks the children engage in a taught writing lesson each week where we focus on specific writing targets e.g. sentence formation – the lesson is put into a context covered in class e.g. a recent event or a topic. This term we will focus on Narrative and Explanation writing. Spelling –The children will be introduced to one new phonic sound and four new common words each week with a consolidation week approx. every 3 weeks.	Addition and Subtraction to 20- The children will cover addition and subtraction to 20. We will look at both single and double digit addition and subtraction. We will also work on mental strategies when adding and subtracting. Fractions- The children will investigate halves and quarters of shapes. Measure- Weight, volume and area will be introduced using non-standard units. The children will begin using and understanding the correct mathematical vocabulary relating to these topics.
Health & Well Being	Physical Education
This term the children will focus on learning experiences based around being Active, Respected and Responsible. Initially the pupils will consider the importance of energy from food and how to help themselves achieve the correct daily balance in order to lead an active lifestyle. Following on from this they will consider the importance of being aware of their own needs, views and feelings and how to show respect of these needs, views and feelings of others. Lastly we will look at ways to become positive role models for others in all aspects of Health and Well Being.	 This term the children will participate in- Gymnastics – The children will improve on focus/concentration, Core stability/strength, Kinaesthetic Awareness, Balance and Control, Creativity. Fitness – The children will learn about areas such as Stamina, Speed, Flexibility, and Effect of Exercise on the body. Ball Skills recap and development, with introduction of racquet/bat and ball skills. This will enhance gross and fine motor skills, coordination and fluency, focus/concentration.
Science	Social Subjects
The children will be given the opportunity to take part in science discussions and investigations this term. The focus of this will be materials and discussing properties of different materials. In addition the children will also look at bugs and other living and non-living things.	The children will be taking part in the People Past Events and Society Dinosaur topic. They will consider what sources we can receive information from and its validity. The children will investigate historical evidence to compare past life with our lives today. In addition, the children will consider and discuss the impact that dinosaurs have had on life today.
Technology	Music
Dinosaurs The children will have the opportunity to research dinosaurs, we will discuss how we find this information and the validity of sources. The children will also be exploring Microsofr Word and the various features that can be applied when using the programme.	The children will continue to follow the ABC interactive music programme. This term they will begin to use their voices as well as musical instruments to discover and play new sounds. They will also begin to give and accept constructive comment on my own and others' work.
Drama	Art
This term the children will follow a drama and dance programme relating to our dinosaur topic. They will be given the opportunity to use various drama techniques such as role play, flashbacks and freeze frames as well as thought tracking.	The children will use a variety of techniques to create artwork relating to our dinosaur topic and beyond. The children will create their own fossils and dinosaur models. They will also create various pieces of religious artwork throughout the year.
Religious and Moral Education	Homework Projects
 During term 2 the focus will be- Discussing Jesus' family and how this compares to our own Lent- the children will learn the meaning behind lent and what it means for us The children will also discuss what makes them unique and the importance of the sacrament of baptism 	At the front of each homework diary the children have a homework menu. Every week the children should attempt a starter (literacy focus) and a main meal (maths focus). Should the children want to do more, there is a dessert option, however this is not compulsory.

Please find brief details of what your child will be covering in class this term. Take time to ask them about their learning.

We know children attain better when a parent or carer at home discusses their learning with them. Like you, we want all our children attaining and achieving to their maximum potential.