



## Curriculum Development

At St. Aidan's, the learning we want for our pupils extends far beyond the subject-specific teaching that happens within the classrooms. Our school values are at the forefront of all our teaching here at St. Aidan's and are woven and interlinked across our school's curriculum and our enrichment experiences.

### Our School Values

#### **Kindness**

*ensures we build a community inspired by Gospel values, where all feel safe, valued, respected and we have opportunities to 'love thy neighbour'*

#### **Resilience**

*is promoted by providing a balanced curriculum, in which children can grow in understanding and acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes and values*

#### **Respect**

*for ourselves and one another is fostered, and evident through our behaviour and conduct in school, at home and beyond*

#### **Self-belief**

*enables us to work hard, so that we fulfil our academic, moral, physical, social and spiritual potential*

#### **Diversity**

*A respect for diversity helps us develop an understanding of a diverse world. Through teaching diversity, we learn to have an understanding of the World around us.*

#### **Honesty**

*is the basis of trust. Honesty is telling the truth even when it may be tempting to lie. Being honest helps you become a trustworthy person.*



## **Enrichment Opportunities**

We have carefully mapped enrichment experiences that complement each topic and provide meaningful context to learning, ultimately enhance pupil understanding. These experiences are also key to our pupils' personal development, supporting them to develop in many aspects of life and allowing them equal opportunity to experience people and places that they may not have access to otherwise; building cultural capital.

Our school values are encompassed throughout these chosen experiences, helping our pupils to develop key life skills such as confidence and resilience, as well as those skills that we too often take for granted - how to use transport systems, how to interact with others and how to conduct themselves in public. All of these skills are crucial components in preparing our pupils to become successful, active citizens in their adult lives.

**We arrange a number of visitors throughout the year to talk to our pupils. Some examples of the visitors that we welcome to the school are:**

- NSPCC
- Veolia
- Authors
- Rainbow Theatre
- Emergency services
- TFL for transition
- Metropolitan Police
- London Fire Brigade

## **Year Group Experiences**

### **Experiences/ Assemblies/ Prayer Services/ Church Visits/ Celebration**

**Assemblies:** Each year, every class at St Aidan's will organise and perform their own class assembly for the school which parents are invited to.

**Prayer Services/ Liturgy:** All classes organise and hold their own prayer services for their families.

**Easter Reflection - Year 4:** During Easter, Year 4 pupils lead us through their Easter Liturgy, reflecting on the events of Holy Week

**Passion Service- Year 5:** Year 5 lead us through a very spiritual passion service where they retell the Easter story.

**Christmas Carol Concert- Year 2- 6:** Each Year we hold a Christmas Carol Concert at a local church which is attended by all Junior children within the school. All parents are welcome to this event.

**Termly Mass:** These are held at our local Parish; St Aidan's Church.

**Multi Faith Week:** The children are given the opportunity to learn about other Faiths around the world. This sometimes involves visits to the Synagogue or Mosque. Our aim is to enable the children to have a deeper understanding of the world around them, other Faiths, and their own Faith as a result.



**World Book Day:** Children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books. There is usually a theme around a book and children complete quizzes and book reviews. KS2 Pupils go to Waterstones to spend their book vouchers and all classes visit the local library.

**Careers day:** Parents visit classes to discuss their jobs/work with the children.

**Values Week:** Each class takes a famous person and looks at their personal attributes, their characteristics and how they align with our values.

### **Other Noted Dates/Events:**

- History Day
- History of Music Day
- Science day
- Fireworks Display - organised by SASA
- Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day sales- SASA
- Film night- SASA
- School disco's - SASA
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Science day
- Careers day
- Croydon Loud and Proud competition (Public Speaking competition)
- National Quiz Competitions, Maths, Science and General Knowledge
- A wide range of sporting competitions take place including Netball and Football tournaments, and swimming galas
- Each class will have an immersive experience day where it links with their curriculum focus. E.g- Stone Age day Year 3/ Science Dome visit Year 5.

### **School Council**

- Harvest Festival: Each year, pupils take part in a Harvest Festival where they collect donations for local homeless charities. They also prepare and serve a special Harvest lunch for their families and friends.
- Design our school rules.
- Tea party to discuss school curriculum – share ideas.
- Wellbeing- Mental Health Week- Made friendship bracelets and sold them at the end of the school day.
- Send home newsletters.
- Plan how to make the school eco-friendlier.
- Random acts of kindness.



## **Prayer Leaders**

- Easter Reflection: Stations of the Cross: During Easter, prayer leaders lead us through their Easter Liturgy, reflecting on the events of Holy Week.
- Tea party to discuss school curriculum – share ideas.
- Planned and taught groups of ks1 children about R.E.
- Decorated and delivered biscuits to local businesses for Advent.
- Help plan R.E assemblies.
- Look at Newsround website and decide who we should pray for.
- Look out for children demonstrating our values around school and award certificates.
- Random acts of kindness

## **Trips**

Teacher's organise trips relevant to the curriculum.

Examples of some of our previous trips are:

**Reception:** The Farm

**Y1:** London Bus Tour, Picnic

**Y2:** The Monument

**Y3:** Horton Kirby Centre

**Y4:** Harry Potter World

**Y5:** Kew Gardens

**Y6:** London Zoo

**Year 6 Residential Trip:** Every year the school organises a residential trip for the Year 6 pupils. The Residential Trip provides the children with a chance to bond with their fellow classmates and teachers outside of the school setting and encourages them to develop confidence, independence and maturity before their transition on to Secondary School.