



## *Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy*

### *Curriculum Overview for Parents*

#### *Reception, Spring Term 2*

#### *Stones & Bones*

#### *Literacy*

The children will have the opportunity to develop and extend their writing through weekly 'News' writing sessions. They will be encouraged to use extended sentences through the use of connectives such as 'and' and 'then'. During guided work the children will continue to apply phonics to read both Oxford Reading Tree books and other stories. They will also have the opportunity to write both fiction and non-fiction based on our topic.

#### *Communication & Language*

Through this largely historical Topic, the children will learn to talk using past, present and future forms correctly. They will be able to explore the artefacts within the classroom centred around our topic of 'Stones & Bones' and then share their findings with the class.

#### *Expressive Arts and Design*

Children will access a range of media and materials during 'freeflow' time, continuing to develop their understanding of art, dance and music. During guided work they will be using other materials including creating pattern and texture using imprints.

#### *Understanding the World*

##### **The World**

In Understanding the World children will learn about past events in their lives and relate this to similarities and differences in early history. Children will also learn about the bones in their body and how these compare in size of some dinosaurs.

##### **People and Communities**

Children will learn about the importance of symbols in religion including the candle used for prayer and peace.

##### **Technology**

The children will be using ICT to make music. They will use computer software to emulate the footsteps of dinosaurs and they will use instruments to create some 'theme music' for a dinosaur documentary and record it using ICT. Children will also have the opportunity to use Emily's Dinosaur Adventures software on our new school iPads.

#### *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*

Children will be given opportunities to develop their social skills and sensitivity to others. Through 'freeflow' play and group activities they will show that they can consider the consequences of their words and actions. During Circle Time discussions they will understand a range of feelings and show them when appropriate.

#### *Maths*

Children will continue to read write and order number to twenty and beyond. We will look at estimation and begin to consider counting in steps of 2 and 10. Working with concrete materials and number lines we will return to addition and subtraction and make links between doubling and halving. In topic related contexts we will continue to solve problems involving comparing objects by size, weight, length and capacity .

#### *Physical Development*

Children will develop their ball skills during this topic. They will be throwing and catching small and large balls, aiming and hitting targets. They will use their skills to play a 'basketball-type' game at the end of the half term. They will also choreograph a dinosaur dance inspired by some of the books they have read. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in a yoga session once a week within the classroom.