

‘A Kite for Aibhín’ is an educational experience based on Seamus Heaney’s much-loved poem of the same name which will be tailored to your pupils with Special Educational Needs. It will include: an abridged exhibition tour; a shared storytelling session and/or poetry reading; a kite-making workshop; and a kite flying experiment. A dedicated team of guides, a creative learning officer, and an education officer will be here to enrich your learning experience.

Curriculum Areas of Learning addressed by this programme:

Communication

- listening to a wide range of stories and poems, talking about stories, recalling, describing;
- developing auditory and visual discrimination and memory, share a range of books with adults/other children;
- participate in group and class discussions for a variety of curricular purposes;
- share, respond to and evaluate ideas, arguments and points of view and use evidence or reason to justify opinions, actions or proposals;
- talking about ideas represented in their drawings, development of fine motor skills, use a wide range of vocabulary in their writing
- consider, interpret and discuss texts, exploring the ways in which language can be manipulated in order to affect the reader or engage attention;

The World Around Us

- The causes and effect of energy, forces and movement;
- How movement can be accelerated by humans and weather

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding

- explore their own and others’ feelings and emotions;
- express a sense of self-awareness;
- show respect when working and playing together

The Arts

- investigate and talk about colours, lines, shapes, textures and patterns;
- explore and use different materials and processes;
- create and develop ideas using colours, lines, shapes, textures and patterns;
- begin to develop a range of skills using materials, tools and processes

Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities addressed by this programme:

- Managing information;
- Being creative;
- Working with others;
- Self-management

As a result of participation in the ‘A Kite for Aibhín’ programme pupils will receive a greater appreciation of the world around them and a real sense of pride in their local environment, each instilled through the work of Seamus Heaney.