



THE CAT AND THE RAT TRAIL

We have a naughty cat in the Cathedral - he's always chasing mice. Follow his paw prints around the Cathedral and answer the questions as you go. You'll never guess where he ends up...



This Cathedral was founded in 1030 by the Vikings. That means there's been a church on this spot for _____ years!



Move towards the black monument in the SOUTH AISLE, near the

Welcome Desk. Can you find a 'strong' man? What is his name? _____

This man's brother was called 'Iron Knee'. Why do you think they were given these names?

This man arrived in Dublin in 1170 to help Diarmait Mac Murchada win back his title of King of Leinster. In return Mac Murchada promised him he could marry his daughter and be King of Leinster when he died.



Go to the top of the main aisle, know as the NAVE. Turn around and look back down the Nave. The **NORTH WALL** is on your right and the **SOUTH WALL** is on your left. One of these walls is from the 13th century and the other is from the 19th century. Which one do you think is which and why? _____



Walk around the Cathedral looking at the tiles on the floor. Name all the different animals you can spot _____

Most of these tiles are later copies of medieval tiles. A few of the really old ones survive. Can you find where they are in the Cathedral? (**CLUE** They're towards the back and much dirtier looking...) _____



Go down the stairs to the CRYPT. The Crypt was built by the Normans in the 12th century, which makes it the oldest structure in Dublin.

Do you know what crypts were usually used for? _____

This crypt has also been used as a market-place. At one point there was a wigmaker and 3 pubs down here!

As well as being the oldest crypt, it's also the largest crypt in England and Ireland. Walk the length of it and count your steps. How many steps did it take? _____



Can you find a form of Medieval punishment in the **CRYPT**? What is it called? _____

If you were unlucky enough to be put in here, your neighbours could come and throw rotten fruit and vegetables at you. Eugh!



And finally...have you found our naughty cat?

What was he chasing? _____

