YEAR 2

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M A LONDONER

Perrymount Primary School
Growing together, learning forever.

Olympus class Curriculum Information

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OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE…

As a values led school we believe that all children have rights. The right to be educated, the right to be heard, the right to be treated fairly and the right to be healthy. We want our children to learn about the rights they have and the lives of children throughout the world and to explore this through the Global Learning Project (GLP). Our aim is to educate our children about global issues and their role in a globally-independent world and explore strategies by which they can make it more just and sustainable.

This term, in Year 2 our topic will be 'Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner'. Starting with the Great Fire of London we will be finding out about important places, people and events that have made London what it is today. To connect with the GLP we will be exploring global learning through the following moral question: **Are we really responsible for future generations?**

Humanities

Through our London topic, we will be learning about life during the great fire of London. We will investigate the way it has shaped our modern city and the creation of the fire service. As part of our learning about significant people in history we will learn about Samuel Pepys. In addition we will be learning the geographic location of London and the importance of the river Thames. We will also explore 'The Windrush Generation' and how people viewed London then and now.

English

Just like last year, there will be a big emphasis on the teaching of phonics and reading to support our writing. Children will be taught in small groups to develop their phonic knowledge and use it to support their spelling and reading. We will also be working on comprehension of texts this year to support your child's understanding. Children will be writing creatively and regularly and using their phonic knowledge to support this. We will also be working hard to develop a more varied vocabulary through the use of stories and poetry as well as well- known traditional tales.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to follow 'Maths No Problem' and work on a variety of skills this term including counting and calculating. We will be practising counting in groups of different sizes (times tables), looking at the way that numbers are written, what happens when we add numbers together and what happens when we take them away. We will be working with shapes and money and a lot of our learning will be focused on real-life Maths and solving problems. We will have daily fluency challenges to build our skills and keep them sharp.

Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Materials'. We will explore different types of materials and how they are made. We will use new vocabulary to describe different materials and we will learn about their purpose. Investigations will include discovering materials in our school environment along with testing what happens to materials when you add heat or take it away! Our topic will be taught through Science by investigating which materials are best for building Tudor houses. Over the year we will be observing seasonal changes and how plants grow.

Computing

We will be using ICT to support all aspects of our curriculum, looking especially at communicating using the computer, improving our typing and word processing skills and how to use the computer to find out new and exciting information! We will also start learning basic coding. We will continue to discuss why it is important to stay safe online and how this can be achieved.

PE

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays for Year 2. This term we will be developing our throwing, catching and football skills. After half term we will start our dance unit. We will be learning to use our bodies to create movement and shape. We will be interpreting music and in pairs create our own dance sequence to perform to the class.

RE

We will focus on our school values and develop an understanding of our rights. We will be exploring the concept of right and wrong. We will be applying this to the context of school as well as the wider world and our environment. We will be learning through discussion, role play and written work. After half term we will be focusing upon Christianity and the life and teachings of Jesus.

Art/ DT

Art work this term will be linked to our topic of London where we will re-create the great fire of London through a collage.

In DT, we will use our construction skills to design and construct Tudor style homes to reflect London in 1666.

We will also continue to develop our sketching skills.

Music

Our weekly music lessons will allow us to participate in creating new sounds with drums and our voices. We will be focusing this term on singing two part songs from around the world.

PHSE

Our social studies and citizenship will be explored through the topic 'Be Friendly, Be Wise'. We will discuss themes around friendship and our community. We will also be looking at rights and responsibilities. We will develop our understanding of environmental issues, discuss sustainability and how it can be achieved.

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