

# **London Calling**



**Oz Class** Curriculum Information Autumn 2023

#### **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 'London Calling'. 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 topic 'London Calling' our focus in History will be 'The Great Fire of London'. We will discuss how London has changed within and beyond living memory. We will also explore and understand the importance of the diarist 'Samuel Pepys'.

In Geography, our focus will be on 'Our Country'. We will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and surrounding seas. Later in the term we will look at the geographical similarities and differences between two capital cities - London (a European city) and Brasilia (a non-European city).

# English



There will be a focus on phonics sessions in Read, Write Inc. groups to continue learning our sounds to support our reading and writing.

We will be writing to entertain and will use our phonics to support us. We will follow the Pie Corbett scheme 'Talk 4 Writing' to help us become great storytellers. Throughout the year we will continue to work on different aspects of writing, including concentrating on using full stops and capital letters in the right places and using interesting sentence starts and conjunctions.

We will continue to focus on grammar to enhance our writing and practice cursive handwriting.



We will be continuing to develop our understanding of calculations. Initially, we will be focusing on number and place value of numbers to 100, before moving onto addition and subtraction calculations. In the second half of the term, we will move on to look at properties of shape.

We will have fluency challenges to build our skills and keep them sharp, so we are able to respond to questions quickly and accurately.

#### Science



Our Science topic this term is 'Everyday Materials and their Uses'. Here, we will explore the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. We will investigate the process of recycling. In addition, we will explore how the shapes of objects made from some materials can be changed. Throughout the term we will gather and record our data.

In the second half of the Autumn term, we will consolidate our understanding of 'Seasonal Changes' from Year 1.

Throughout our sessions we will continue to build our scientific vocabulary and investigation skills.

# Computing

In the first half of the term, we will use 'Scratch' – a visual programming tool. Here, the children will create and develop their own simple animations.

In the second half of the term, the children will learn how to use the internet to find out answers to questions relating to space and the solar system. We will discuss the importance of verifying the accuracy of information given on the internet.

Throughout the term we will continue to discuss why it is important to stay safe online and how this can be achieved.



PE will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** for Year 2.

This term we will be working on our Football skills. We will be focusing on our control of the ball, our passing and shooting skills. In the first half of the Autumn term, we will also be working on our catching skills.

After half term we will be developing our Gymnastics skills. We will be linking actions together, copying and creating simple movement sequences, which we will perform to each other.



We will be looking at 'Right and Wrong Behaviour' and how this is reflected across different religious beliefs – Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. We will be exploring this through discussion, role play and written work.

After half term we will be focusing on Christianity. We will be looking at the life and teachings of Jesus.



Art will be covered in the first half of the Autumn term. In Art, we will be exploring the formal elements of art: pattern, texture and tone; children will create printed patterns using everyday objects; take rubbings using different media and learn how to make their drawings three dimensional.

In the second part of the Autumn term, in DT the children will learn how to sew a running stitch. We will design, make and a decorate a pouch.

## Music F



Our weekly music lessons will allow us to participate in creating new sounds with instruments and our voices. We will be working on traditional songs related to our topic and we will be singing these in part rounds. We will also build on our drumming skills. Throughout the term we will begin to learn how to read simple notes and play them on different instruments.

#### **PHSE**



Our social studies and citizenship will be explored through the topic 'Be Friendly, Be Wise'. We will discuss themes around making and sustaining relationships. Some of the topics we will discuss are: communities we belong to, different kinds of families, recognising when they or someone else is lonely and friendships. We will continue to develop our understanding of environmental issues, discuss sustainability and how it can be achieved.

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