



**Torriano  
Junior School**  
  
Curriculum  
Information  
Summer 2015



# Am I a caring and active citizen?

Year 3



As a **Rights Respecting School** we are continuing to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the Year 3 Big Question, **'What make me a Caring and Active Citizen?'** During our whole school project, Law, Liberty and Legacy, we will be learning about democracy in the lead up to the Parliamentary elections. In May we will carry out our own mock election in school; featuring party political broadcasts and a leaders' debate. This year also marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta. To celebrate this, the children will be visiting the British Library to see the original manuscript, studying how and why laws are made, and investigating the effect it has had on our lives today.

## Humanities

We will consider the achievements of the Shang Dynasty, an early civilisation from around 1250 BC. As part of the whole school theme we will also investigate the story of democracy with a visit to the Magna Carta. We will participate in a workshop where we will learn about the significance of this document.

## English

We will begin the term with a focus on non-fiction writing. We will look at information texts as a way to present our knowledge about plant growth. Inspired by the high priestess Fu Hao, we will write traditional stories set in ancient China. In guided reading we will read traditional Chinese stories.

## Maths

The focus this term will be on written methods. Specifically looking at the column methods used in addition and subtraction as well those written methods used in multiplication and division. Every lesson, time will be spent on mental maths skills using our good friend Add'em to help us!

## Science

The children will spend the summer term learning everything about plant growth! We will even have the opportunity to work in the school garden to grow our own plants with the help of the gardener Jo. In English we will use all of our knowledge about plants to write a class information book.



## PE Days



We will be visiting the Islington Tennis centre for our tennis lessons, developing their hand-eye coordination. We'll also be getting back on the pitch for football, developing basic game tactics and physical awareness.



Our RE days are full of reflective discussions about religion. Our focus this term is stories with messages. We have the chance to visit the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir.



As we study ancient civilisations we will discover the development of calligraphy and participate in a workshop to create our own pieces. We will even create our own oracle bone!



In music this term, in line with our Shang Dynasty study, the children will focus on Chinese music. They will learn pentatonic scales on the piano to perform later in the term. Using the repeated patterns the children have composed, they will be played into the computer to create an oriental sounding piece.



In French we will be learning about life cycles and using Jack and the Beanstalk as a focus text. We will be learning how to give opinions and justify them, as well as extending our range of vocabulary.



Our theme for this term will be based around Law, Liberty, Legacy: The road to British Democracy. In a series of lessons, we will work together to create a new law culminating in a parliamentary style debate.

## Computing

