



# Am I a responsible and respectful citizen?



**Torriano Junior  
School**

Curriculum  
Information  
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As a **Rights Respecting School** we are continuing to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the Year 5 Big Question, **'What makes me a responsible and respectful 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.

## Topic



Our topic this term is Brazil. The main focus will be the physical and human geography of the country. Children will learn about the bio-diversity, climate and urban development of the country. We will be focusing on a key theme of sustainability where the children will learn about the Amazon rainforest and some of the issues that surround its maintenance.

## English



This term as part of our overall focus on Brazil, the children will research and produce information texts on their areas of interest within this topic. Children will also develop their ability to debate as we explore the issue of deforestation. In the second part of the term during our fiction unit, our focus text will be *'Journey to the River Sea'* by Eva Ibbotson.

## Maths



In maths we will continue to practise our mental maths skills alongside written methods for the four number operations. The children will work on applying this in problem solving contexts, working with 'Addem' to develop their mathematical reasoning. Additionally, we will continue to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages.

## Science



During the first half of the term, within the context of the Amazon Rainforest, we will be learning about life cycles and the process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will then focus on changes in the human body. During the second half of term, we will be learning about properties and changes of materials, looking closely at solids, liquids and gases.



## PE Days

Wednesday - Swimming  
Thursday - PE

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On Wednesday mornings we will attend swimming lesson at Holloway School.

On Thursday afternoons the children will have Capoeira sessions with an expert teacher, learning the skills of Brazilian Martial Art.

## RE

We will continue teaching RE using the new Sacre Living Difference approach. This was very popular last term and the RE days were full of reflective discussions. Our focus religions will continue to be Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

## Art

We are excited to be taking part in a Drama, Art and Music project with Trench Brothers, where we will be creating puppets for a final performance which tells the story of Ethnic Minority soldiers during WW1.

## Music

The children will be taught by Mr Cambata. As part of their Trench Brothers project, the children will be composing and performing their own music and songs based around WW1 and Indian influences.

## MFL

The children will be taught by Mr Bioletti and this term their topics will be...

## PSHCE

As part of the whole school theme, 'Law, Liberty, Legacy' we will investigate the story of democracy with a visit to the Magna Carta. We will also be looking at the event of the Peterloo Massacre and the Suffragette Movement.

## Computing

This term the children will be exploring the internet, how the World Wide Web allows people to connect, work together and share information and resources.

We will also be focusing on *esafety*; how to stay safe online.