



**Torriano
School**

**Curriculum
Information
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What makes me a caring and active citizen?

Welcome to the new academic year. We hope you had a restful break. We are writing to let you know about this term's curriculum and events that will take place in the school. As a **Rights Respecting School** we will continue to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the Year 3 Big Question, **'What makes me a Caring and Active Citizen?'** Through our whole school theme: **'Making Connections, Making Changes'**. We will continue to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals and how these will be relevant to our children's lives and future. We will also learn about changes in our local area over time this term with a particular focus on developments in the London Underground. We will visit the London Transport Museum as part of this topic.

Topic

This term our topic will be Changes in our local area with a particular focus on developments in the London Underground over time. We will visit the London Transport Museum twice, on October 6th and November 11th, as part of this topic. We teach this in lessons across the curriculum ensuring that the children are fully engaged with the topic.

English

In year three, our English lessons will be topic based and include elements of grammar, speaking and listening and extended writing on a weekly basis. Our focus texts this term will be *Poems on the Underground*, which will help us develop our own poetry, and *Dog on a Train*, which will be a stimulus for our narrative writing.

Maths

We will focus on place value in the Autumn term. Children will also consolidate their number knowledge including times tables and number bonds. All children must know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the **end** of year 3. We will also introduce the children to Add'em who is one of our school maths characters. He encourages children to use reasoning to develop their mathematical language and explanations.

Science

In the first half term we will be learning about Rocks, looking at fossils found on the London Underground excavations. We will have workshops with UCL outreach to support this. In the second half of the term, we will focus on Light. Science lessons are practical and give the children the opportunity to develop skills in predicting, experimenting and evaluating.



PE

Both classes will be swimming at Cally pool for the first half term on Friday morning. We are also lucky enough to have our specialist dance teacher leading the children's dance lessons each Wednesday afternoon. Children should ensure that they have the school PE kit, white top and black shorts for dance lessons.

RE

RE is taught through a series of concepts which allow children to have reflective discussions about religion. Our concepts this term will be Angels and Symbols of Light. Our focus religions at Torriano Juniors are Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

Art

Year 3 will learn sketching techniques to draw aspects of the London Underground. In term two we will use different media to design our own tube maps based on the work of Harry Beck.

Music

This term year 3 will re-enforce their topic work in music. They will be writing a song about their local area. They will be composing the lyrics, melody, harmony and percussion parts. They will also perform at the London Curriculum Children's Festival.

MFL

Year 3 will be introduced to the French language through topics and songs. Their first topic is *All about me* followed by *Farmers in his Den* in the second half of the term.

PSHCE

Our Personal, social, health and citizenship lessons are focused on settling the children into Year 3. We will learn about what makes a happy and safe class, agree a class charter and create a class community.

Computing

In Year 3 we will begin to learn coding and visit the **Camden CLC** to take part in the Lego We Do Program. This is always a very popular trip with the children. We will be also researching online safety.