



## Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

### Curriculum Overview for Parents

Year 1, Spring Term 2

*It's a Mystery*

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw Puzzle piece this half-term is 'Healthy Me'. The children will learn about the difference between being healthy and unhealthy and know ways in which to keep themselves healthy. This will include: healthy lifestyle choices, how to keep clean, how and when to safely use medicines, how to cross the road safely, who helps us to stay safe and how being healthy helps us to reel happy.

### History

During this half term the children will be looking at a range of historical artefacts. We will be discussion which era these artefacts come from as well as investigating their uses and modern day equivalents.

### Computing

The children will be learning how to programme with Scratch Junior during their computing lessons. They will learn how to program a character and make them shrink and grow, learn how to instruct their characters to move at different speeds and even how to make them play a recorded sound.

### Science

In Science this term, children will be learning about different types of materials. We will investigate the properties of various materials, determining for example whether they are waterproof, transparent, translucent, opaque, hard, soft and bendy, as well as learning which materials float and which sink and why this is the case. We will also be experimenting with these materials, predicting and then discovering how materials can change depending on specific factors.

### Religious Education

Our main focus in RE this half term is Easter. We will be learning about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. We will be thinking about why Easter is important to Christians. We will also be reflecting on the importance of our Mothers.

### Music

**Rhythm** In music this half term, children will be continuing to focus on rhythm in the way that we walk. Children will be listening to Reggae, Holst's The Planets and Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells. They will be taking part in various activities and song games.

### Physical Development

**Gymnastics.** Our focus in PE this half term will be Gymnastics. We will be using our bodies to perform a sequence of movements that involve various stretched, wide and narrow shapes, using floorwork and the large apparatus to help us do so. We shall also be focusing on jumping as part of our sequences, including focusing on how to do so safely from the large apparatus.

### Expressive Arts and Design

#### Art

In this project, the children will be looking at the concept of nature sculpture. They will learn about different kinds of nature sculptures and explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy and other environmental artists. They will focus on different techniques using natural materials; model making, observational drawing, collecting materials, ephemeral land art and group sculpture building.

### Maths

In Maths this half term, the children will be developing their understanding of fractions, including halves and quarters. They will also be consolidating counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s, and then using this knowledge to solve simple, one-step problems. The children will be continuing to develop knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, and solve problems involving measurements.

### English

Our focus for English this term will be about cumulative stories, where the children will learn about stories where objects or characters are continuously added, leading to a dramatic climax. We will read a range of these stories, identifying their themes and examining their beginnings, middles and ends. Some children's favourites such as 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Highway Rat' shall be read, and we will use our knowledge of these cumulative stories to structure and write one of our own.