

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM 2020/21

As we enter into the Summer Term, Jigsaw is continuing to respond to the guidance surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic but we are happy to be gradually reintroducing aspects of Jigsaw life into the curriculum. Our efforts to keep the Jigsaw community safe continues with many of our measures remaining in place.

The return of SATRO mobile woodworking sessions across the Sixth Form and Key Stage 4 has been wonderful to see and the pupils have been taking part in exciting new projects. Our acting Educational Visits & Operations Co-ordinator has also worked hard to find ways to enable our pupils to engage in COVID safe visits to the nursery gardens and Jigsaw Café. Additionally, our art annex is now open for creative sessions with cleaning taking place in between classes.

### KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUMMER TERM 2021
12th April – Term begins
10 <sup>th</sup> May – WWF animal themed games
28 <sup>th</sup> May Last Day for Half Term: Pupils finish at 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day
8 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term: Pupils return
11 <sup>th</sup> June – WWF themed mufti day
14 <sup>th</sup> June – Cultures & Languages Week: Drumming Workshops
1 <sup>st</sup> July – INSET Day
29 <sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term: Pupils finish at 2pm

### TOPIC CURRICULUM (KS1 TO KS4):

During the first half term in Topic the subject is ‘Keeping safe on the road and in the community’



pupils will be learning about how to keep safe when going outside the home. This will include thinking about what hazards there might be in the world around them including the roads, trips or falls, other people and the weather. Pupils will spot the hazards by sorting safe and unsafe, have a go at some simple first aid, identifying first aid items and when and who to go to for help. They will make their own roads and become familiar with the signs and symbols that keep them safe outdoors. Our RE topic this term is symbols across the religions where pupils will come into contact with symbols that various religions may use to represent hope, peace and love, they will have the chance to design their own,

look at the patterns and shapes in a prayer mat and stained-glass window, and think about what might represent hope, peace and love in their lives.

In the second half term in Topic our subject is ‘Out and About: using money’ pupils will use what they have learned last term and think about where we like to go, what we like to do, and how we can do it, especially getting to understand or experience money, how much items are worth and where we can spend our money. Pupils will look at all aspects of taking a trip, whether this is a holiday or a trip to the shops, they can have a go at using money at the café, play shop or in their own class shop once they have earned their tokens. Pupils dress for the weather, pack a bag and look at the transport they might use including reading time and timetables. Pupils will be able to

handle real and play money and work on sorting and sequencing the amounts. Our RE topic this term is places of worship, and although it may not be possible to visit one of these places yet, this is linked to the topic through making journeys, and familiarizing pupils with the customs linked to different religions and their places of worship. These will be settings that pupils could come across when they are out and about in the community.

## PE (KS1-4)

This Summer Term our PE topics are 'Games and Races' (before May half term) and 'Athletics' (after May half term). Our PE sessions include warm up activities, a main session and cool down. The warm up activities consist of games and/or exercises to increase the body temperature followed by stretching of all the main muscle groups. During the cool down pupils will have the opportunity to practice yoga poses, stretches and enjoy parachute games.

Our pupils will be taking part in educational sessions in which they will develop and improve different skills. 'Games and Races' will focus on stamina, fitness, strength, co-ordination and gross motor skills. Cross-curricular links can also be made with PSHE focusing on winning and losing, sportsmanship, working with others, turn taking etc. Games included within this topic are striking and fielding games, co-ordination games, group games and cardio activities/games. After the May half term, our lessons will be focused on 'Athletics'. The focus of this topic will be to consolidate the skills that have been taught in previous PE lessons this academic year. 'Athletics' will focus on the skills required for running, jumping and throwing for accuracy.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council members took part in a Teams meeting with Laura Craven, Jigsaw Safeguarding governor, to finalize our draft of the antibullying policy for pupils (please see attached). It was a very difficult topic to discuss but all School Council members contributed to the final version of the policy. When asked by Laura Craven if they felt safe at school, all pupils confirmed they did.



School Council members will be actively involved in fundraising for our charity of the year, the WWF, and we have 3 fundraising activities planned for this term: Animal themed games (w/c 10/05/2021), Mufti Day on the 11th June (staff and pupils are invited to dress up as animals) and Arts and crafts sale in July.

Sadly, we will say good bye to Georgios Vamvakas, School Council link teacher, as he is taking on a new role at Jigsaw+. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Georgios for his contribution to running the School Council over the last two years. The School Council is planning to meet once more this school year to discuss their agenda for 2021-2022.

## ASSEMBLIES



Across the school this Summer Term pupils will be exploring a range of exciting subjects within weekly assembly sessions. Subjects this term include a plethora of environmental topics which will see the pupils learning more about Earth Day, World Turtle Day and Ocean Day, later in the Summer Term they will also learn about the importance of 'Sun Safety' as we welcome the sunnier weather. These subjects will link directly to our charity of the year fundraising efforts as our pupils continue to learn about the importance of environmental issues and how play a role in supporting the planet.

Pupils will also be learning about 'Share A Story Month' which takes place for the duration of May, this will see pupils engaging in further reading activities in class and during activity time. 'Share A Story Month' was set up by the Federation for Children's Books Groups as an annual celebration of the importance of connecting children with the power of story telling and story sharing. The theme for 'Share a Story Month' this year is Myths, Magic and Mayhem. Throughout the term the assembly schedule will also explore subjects connecting directly to the Topic Curriculum, pupils will expand their understanding of safety in the community and on the road as well as the use of money while in the wider community.

## WIDER COMMUNITY & CHARITY EVENTS

### **Themed Days and Events:**

#### **History Week**

During the Summer term there will themed weeks and events that will educate and inspire the pupils across the school. This term the school will be participating in History Week for which the theme will be Kings and Queens. Pupils will explore the subject across the week, learning about different monarchs from a variety of countries and periods in history. The weeks activities will include creating a maze from straws and pipe cleaners, making a craft crown and a virtual exhibition of each class's artwork of a King or Queen of choice. Due to restrictions, these activities will take place in classrooms, however the virtual exhibition will be a way for the pupils to come together and be inspired by others.



#### **Cultures and Languages Week**

Cultures and Languages week will take place during the week commencing Monday 14th June. Our pupils will be learning about different continents (Africa, America, Europe, Asia and Oceania). Each of our pupils will have their own passport and they will travel all around the globe to learn about traditional food, traditional clothing, facts about each continent, art in different countries and much more. Our pupils will be encouraged to bring something that represents their countries (for example, pictures on holidays in their countries, traditional clothing etc). Pupils will also be learning a variety of greetings in different languages and they will have a great time exploring the subject. As part of this exciting week we have also booked a series of musical workshops with African and Egyptian drumming taking place in the morning and Indian raga with Madal drums, bells and glockenspiels in the afternoon.

## WWF Fundraising Events

In order to continue our schoolwide efforts to support our chosen charity of the year, the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) we have organized a number of activities to run throughout the Summer Term. Pupils will be taking part in a week of Animal Games in their scheduled PE lesson time, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding an Animal themed Mufti day / Fancy Dress day in order to collect donations and towards the end of the Summer term we are planning an Arts and Crafts sale with all money raised going towards our fundraising total for the year. Details regarding this will follow in due course.



## KS4 ASDAN

We are pleased to announce that internal moderation of pupil evidence portfolios has taken place at the start of the summer term. To recognise the difficulties COVID-19 has placed on pupils and schools, ASDAN has changed their minimum evidence requirement for certain awards and qualifications to ensure pupils whose attendance has been impacted would not be disadvantaged. It was good to see the variety of activities pupils have completed to gain their accreditation. We are now in the process of claiming certificates for the completed modules for all KS4 pupils.



## SIXTH FORM NEWS

This term our Sixth Form pupils will be taking part in 'Sport and Fitness' sessions as part of their Jigsaw College focus. This will involve taking part in team games, understanding and coping with winning and losing, learning about different sports and improving fitness levels.

We will also be continuing our weekly yoga sessions with Mark, one of our most popular sessions! Pupils will take part in horticulture activities and care for our gardens across the site, some will take part in woodwork sessions, whilst others will be working on creativity-based activities. We will maintain our focus on life skills, independence and communication; with pupils continuing to take part in ASDAN and OCR Life & Living Skills qualifications. We are looking forward to another exciting term ahead!

