

# Oak Farm Junior School International Policy

## Vision

At Oak Farm Junior School, a key element in our ethos is *respect*. This means not only within our school and our close community, but also on a global scale. We strive to help pupils to grow into responsible global citizens, by:

- Enriching pupils' intercultural awareness.
- Nurturing values such as tolerance and inclusion.
- Building an awareness of fairness and equality.
- Developing a positive sense of identity and interdependence.

## Aims of being an International School

- To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own.
- To encourage greater involvement in environmental issues.
- To develop curiosity about other cultures.
- To promote the use of computing and information technology in meaningful contexts for the development of communication skills.
- To provide an added opportunity for the promotion of equal opportunities, racial equality and Citizenship.
- To respect and value different cultures and beliefs.
- To enjoy and value regular contact with students and adults living in different countries.

## Practical Application

### > Curriculum

Topics that our curriculum currently includes:

Year 3: Europe, Ancient Greeks, UK (which is compared to other locations in French lessons), Local Area (which is compared to our partner school's town in French lessons)

Year 4: A European locality (Y4), Ancient Egypt, Romans, Volcanoes & Earthquakes, Food and Farming.

Year 5: North America, Climate around the world, History of London (which is compared to Paris in French lessons)

Year 6: Rivers, WW2 (covered in CLIL French lessons), South America, The Mayans.

These topics allow for a considerable amount of learning about other parts of the world and appreciation of their cultures.

### **> Developing partnerships**

We are constantly building upon our links with partner schools. Our partnership with École Frédéric Joliot Curie in Achères, France, has been very important to us since it first began in 2010. While this is primarily a partnership carried out by French Club, we include reference to our partner school and their work regularly in French lessons.

So far, this partnership has included:

- The sharing of letters and work.
- Several exchange teacher visits.
- In June 2014, our first meeting face-to-face for our French Club and their partner class.
- In June 2015, a one-day visit from our partner class to our school, involving all our pupils.

Our link school in Uganda joined with us in a partnership in June 2013.

This partnership consists of:

- Small group projects
- Assemblies
- Exchanging of letters
- Teacher to teacher emails
- Fundraising events to support the school's repairs after storm damage

### **> International Events**

26<sup>th</sup> September, European Day of Languages, is a day on which we celebrate the many different languages spoken around the world, giving pupils the chance to demonstrate their own knowledge of languages. We also discuss events around the world and special days, in whole-school assemblies. We become involved with several events throughout the year which allow us to celebrate the diversity of the many countries throughout the world.

### **> International School Award**

Having been awarded with International School Award (full award) in September 2011, we have also received our re-accreditation for 2014-2017. We have an International Co-ordinator, who oversees and record our developments and liaises with the Geography and PSHE co-ordinators.