



## Exciting and Stimulating Experiences

Trips and experiences are used to support the children's learning and are embedded in the timetable to strengthen children's understanding and interests. High emphasis is put on visual and practical ways to support teaching and learning in the classroom and remove any barriers to learning; many cross-curricular links are made in different subjects to make learning meaningful and interesting.

Our children speak over 30 different languages in the academy and therefore they enter our academy with very little spoken English and basic skills. These key skills are taught explicitly in Mathematics and English and are under-pinned throughout our curriculum, at every opportunity- in every year group. There is a coherent and progressive structure to support language development across all the age phases (Tower Hamlets.)

## Local Community Needs

We understand the needs of our local community which we serve; many of the families who attend our academy don't have access to outside space and very few children have a hot home cooked meal in the evening. In response to this, our children take part in the 'Roots to Fruits' Programme, which teaches them about the process of growing fruit and vegetables in our school grounds. In addition, cookery is also used to give our children and parents, basic skills for preparing healthy meals at home using ingredients grown in the academy. The academy works seamlessly with our local community hub. The hub provides a base for our parents to learn basic skills in English and Mathematics so in turn they can support their children with learning, at home.

The curriculum is at the 'heart' of Oasis Academy Boulton. Our curriculum is exciting, creative and tailored to the needs and interests of our children and the diverse community we serve.



## Emotional Development

We realise that some of the most vulnerable children in our care, need emotional support. We use the THRIVE programme to support these children; equipping them with the skills needed so that they are ready for learning. 'Mindfulness' sessions are used to help our children develop self-control and to remain calm, through meditation and reflection time. A free Breakfast club place is offered to every child at the start of the school day, to ease the transition between home- life and start of the school day. In some cases, this supports parents getting their children to school so that they are ready for learning. A hot meal is also provided for the children at dinner-time to help busy family life.

## Curriculum Enrichment

Our curriculum is exciting, meaningful and progressive for our children. A wide-range of free musical opportunities are offered to the children; as a whole class, small group or 1:1 tuition. Our academy has strong musical links with Birmingham Local Authority and performs with other schools in the local area and beyond. The curriculum is enhanced by a weekly programme of enrichment activities that embellish the children's learning experiences and are linked to their own interests. Some examples of these include yoga and zumba techniques, sewing and drama clubs. In addition, all our children have access to our range of free after- school clubs; extending the learning opportunities for all.



## Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Lifestyles is an important part of our curriculum. Many of our children in year 6, leave the academy, overweight. PE and swimming are not only on the timetable but also fitness sessions. A fully-equipped gym in the Academy is used to offer additional training sessions for children to keep healthy and fit and for staff and parents, to support well-being in the workplace.

