



Start of new term Parent/Carer Letter

Summer Term 2016 – Year 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to this new term at Torriano Primary School – we hope you had a restful break. This letter is to inform you of the areas of the curriculum your child will be studying during the Summer Term. As a **Rights Respecting School** we are continuing to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the Year 1 Big Question, ***‘Where does our food come from?’***

his term we will continue our focus on active citizenship, celebrating significant anniversaries, sporting and community events. The highlights will include our **whole school project commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death**. We will welcome our very own Shakespeare in residence, who will support our focus on the development of oracy and performance throughout the curriculum. In addition to this, we will continue to develop our project of **‘Shaping our Future – Let no one be left behind’**, and deepen our understanding of the new Sustainable Development Goals by reflecting on the role of gender in shaping our future girls and women.

Homework	This terms homework can be found in your child’s homework book. Please complete one activity per week.
P.E	P.E kits are to be left on children’s pegs. Each child must have a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts/leggings/trousers and trainer or plimsolls. Please check to ensure your child has a complete P.E kit at school. P.E takes place on Mondays and Thursdays.
Reading Records	Reading with your child every day will have a significant impact on their reading and writing skills. Children are given the choice to change their books everyday but rereading a book is also very valuable. Remember to talk about the books you read together and share your enthusiasm and love for reading with your child.
Trips and Visitors	The children will visit Kentish Town Farm, an inner city farm and Willow’s Farm (TBC), just outside of London. Children will be working with our resident artist to create artwork based on the Shakespeare play ‘Twelfth Night’.



Important Dates	Phonics screening week commencing 13 th June 2016 Kentish Town Farm June 22 nd 2016
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Phonics Screening Test – Week commencing 13th June 2016

The Phonics Screening Check will show how well you child can use the phonics skills they've learned up to the end of year 1, and to identify children who need extra phonics help. The Department for Education defines the checks as 'short, light-touch assessments' that take about 5 – 10 minutes to complete.

The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read with their teacher. Non-words (or nonsense words) are a collection of letter that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught but they don't necessarily mean anything. Your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them. Each of the non-words is presentence with a picture of a monster/alien as if the word were their name. You can look at the previous screening checks to get an idea of what your child will be asked to do.

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/year-1-phonics-screening-check-2012>

All children must take the phonics check. You can help your child prepare for the check by going over the phonics they have learned in reception and year 1. Reading regularly with your child will help them practise their decoding skills to read unfamiliar words.

We are really looking forward to an exciting summer term. If you have any questions, please do see your child's class teacher.

Best regards,

Miss Soliman and Miss Hines

