



Start of new term Parent/Carer Letter

Summer Term 2016 – Year 4

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term at Torriano Primary School. 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 4 Big Question, ***‘What makes me an informed and understanding citizen?’***

This 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.

Later in the term, we will be holding a French fair to share our knowledge of France with Year 2 and parents. In June, we also have our highly anticipated camping trip to Epping Forest where the children will be developing their geographical and scientific enquiry abilities as well as building on their personal and social skills.

Homework	A piece of Maths, Science or English homework will be sent home each week. The homework will build on the work we do in class and is due in every Monday .
Torriano Spelling Bee	Every week your child will take part in the <i>Torriano Spelling Bee</i> . Spellings will come home on a Wednesday and be tested on a Monday . -The spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class on a Monday. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn. -As part of the test children will be given two extra spellings that follow the sound, rule or pattern, the aim is for the children to apply their understanding of the spelling conventions, helping them to become successful spellers.



PACT reading	<p>We would like children to be reading at home for at least 10 mins each day. <i>They should then complete their reading record every day</i> with a simple comment such as '<i>I enjoyed this book because...</i>' '<i>It was funny when...</i>'</p> <p>We encourage children to vary their responses to avoid writing the same type of comment every day. Please refer to the Torriano Detective Agency question prompts that were given out at parents' evening. It is important that the children are reading a variety of books to support their understanding of different genres and text types. We encourage you to read with your children at least once a week and use this opportunity to discuss what they have read.</p>
Times Tables	<p>We will be using songs, games and chanting to learn our times tables throughout the year, with our main focus in class on counting in 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 25 and 50, both forwards and backwards. When practicing times tables it is a great idea to learn the corresponding division facts too i.e. $5 \times 6 = 30$ so $30 / 5 = 6$.</p> <p>It would really benefit the children, if they were practising all of their times tables at home with an adult as they need to know up to 12×12 by the end of Year 4. SkoolBo is a great tool for learning times tables and mental maths through games. The children should have their own login details. http://www.skoolbo.co.uk/</p>
Trips and visitors	<p>23rd June- 24th June: Camping Trip: Debden House Tour of London: Shakespeare in London. Date TBC National Gallery: French Impressionists. Date TBC</p>
Important Dates	<p>French Learning Fair – Date TBC (Last week of this half term)</p>

Only homework, books and reading records should be kept in a Pact folder as these are kept and used every day in class, please send their PE kits in a separate bag. Letters will also be sent home in the PACT folder so please check your child's bag regularly.

Swimming is every Monday morning and gymnastics is every Wednesday afternoon. PE kit is very important so children do need to bring the correct kit with them. Unfortunately children without swimming hats are unable to take part in swimming lessons.

If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

With warm wishes,

Amy Williams and Sophie Davy

