



Start of new term Parent/Carer Letter

Spring Term 2016 – Year 5

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term at Torriano Primary School. This letter is to inform in regards to 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 5 Big Question, ***‘What makes me a responsible and respectful 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

Homework	A piece of Maths, English, Science or Topic homework will be sent home each week. Year 5 homework is set on a Wednesday and due on a Monday. If the homework requires use of the internet, an iPad will be available on Thursday and Friday lunch times.
Torriano Spelling Bee	<p>Every week your child will take part in the <i>Torriano Spelling Bee</i>. Spellings will come home on a Monday and be tested the next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn. -The children will also have space in their books to record their personal spellings as identified by the teacher from their English work. These should be practised regularly. <p>There are suggested activities in the front of the children’s spelling books to support their learning at home. We will check each week to ensure an activity has been completed.</p>



PACT reading	Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. Every child should be reading at home for at least 15 minutes a day. They should then complete their reading record every day with a simple comment such as ' <i>I enjoyed this book because...</i> ' ' <i>It was funny when...</i> ' There are suggested sentence starters in the front of the reading records to help the children write these comments.
Times Tables	By the end of Year 5, all children must know their times tables up to 12 x 12. We will be focusing on a different times table each week in class and will be completing regular 'beat it' tests! It is vital that you are supporting your children with practising their times tables at home. There are many websites, such as Interactive Resources and Mathspace, which the children have access to.
Trips and Visitors	We will be embarking on our Year 5 residential trip from the 25 th -27 th May 2016.

We are really looking forward to an exciting term. We thank you in advance for your support and, if you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us.

Kind regards,

Matthew Western and Victoria Baker

