



## Start of new term Parent/Carer Letter

### Summer Term 2016 – Year 6

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 6 Big Question, **'Am I a fair and just 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.

During this busy term, we will be taking our SATs tests, travelling overseas to Paris and writing, producing and performing our end of school production. The SATs tests will take place in the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> May. All pupils will undertake tests in mathematics, grammar, spelling and reading. We will be going on the much anticipated trip via the Eurostar to Paris in June. The final meeting for this trip will be on the **19<sup>th</sup> May**. Those children who are not going to Paris are planning their trips with Mrs Trehella and a letter about these will be coming to those parents in the very near future. Planning for the year 6 production is well underway, and the children will be receiving more information about this following their SATs.

Homework	<p>In Year 6 homework is set daily in preparation for the SATs assessments. A Maths or English exercise should be completed each night and brought to school each day to be marked the following morning. We also encourage the children to use their Skoolbo and Doodle Maths/Mathspace accounts on alternate evenings.</p> <p>Reading records and books must be brought in to class <b>every day</b>. 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.</p>
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Torriano Spelling Bee	As part of the Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling (SPaG) assessment in May, children will be tested on their ability to spell 20 words. Each week children will receive a spelling list based on a rule taught that week. The children will then be tested on these words the following week. Words they do not learn should then form part of their independent spelling learning. Children should also review their 100 word spelling list.
PACT reading	Each night all children are required to read for 20 minutes and record this in their reading record. Reading records and the book the children are reading should be brought to school every day. We encourage you to read with your child at least once a week and use this opportunity to discuss their reading using the Torriano Detective Agency question prompts..
Times Tables	Children must ensure that they are continuing to learn or revise their knowledge of multiplication facts to 12 x 12. Children should also revise their knowledge of the division facts that go with these multiplications.
Trips and Visitors	Paris and London trip June 10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> 2016
Important Dates	SATS week commences on the 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 Final Paris meeting- 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016

### SATS:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Test An hour long test where they read a selection of short texts and then answer questions about what they have read.	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Short Answer English Test	A 45 minute test where children will answer a range of questions on grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.
	Spelling Test The children are read a series of sentences with words missing. They need to fill in the missing words when they hear them read again.	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Arithmetic paper	30 minute test
	Test 2: Reasoning Paper	45 minute test
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Test 3: Reasoning paper	45 minute test

Finally, please do encourage your child not to worry or become anxious in any way about these tests. We know that each child will be striving to succeed in the coming weeks and wish them the very best of luck.

Best regards,  
Emma Sampson and Conor Loughney

