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**Start of new term Parent/Carer Letter
Summer Term 2016 – Reception**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term at Torriano Primary School.

This term, Reception will explore the big question ‘**How does your garden grow?**’. As a **Rights Respecting School** we will also be learning about the rights of children throughout the world.

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.

Home Learning	<p>Inm order to support your child’s learning in school, please try to do the following at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go for a nature walk and observe signs of growing- take some pictures and share them on Tapestry - Visit a local shop and explore using coins to pay for fruit and vegetables in 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins - Plant some beans, or cress and mustard seeds, and keep a growing diary. - Talk about ways to keep fit and healthy and try out some different healthy snacks- passion fruit, carrots and houmous, peppers... - Read with your child every day, encouraging them to sound out and blend some simple words and describe what is happening in the story.
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Spare Clothes	Please make sure that your child has a bag of spare clothes on their peg
Book Bags	Bring book bags to school every day for 'story share' in the afternoon. We will continue to respond to your comments in the reading record books.
Trips and Visitors	The children will visit the local Garden Centre . Children will be working with our resident artist to create artwork based on the Shakespeare play ' Twelfth Night '.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term – what we will be learning is attached to this letter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

The Reception Team

