



Start of new term Parent/Carer letter

Summer Term 2016 – Year 3

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 will continue to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the Year 3 Big Question, *'What makes me a caring and active 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.

We are also looking forward to a vibrant term through our study of the Shang Dynasty. This topic will also permeate our English study where we will be exploring Stories from other Cultures. In addition to this, we are really excited to be working the restarant Wahaca in our Earth Kitchen. The children will be making Mexican inspired dishes and will be experiencing taste sensation classes. Full details of the subjects and lessons we are studying can be found on our curriculum leaflet which is attached to this letter.

Homework	A piece of Maths, Science or English homework will be sent home each week. On occasion the children may get a science or a topic related project to complete over the holidays. All homework is sent home on a Wednesday. Please check that your child has theirs and support them when completing it.
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Handwriting	A quick and fluid handwriting style is essential for all children. We are focusing on joining patterns this term and practise handwriting daily in class. Please encourage your child to write neatly at home and to use the correct letter formation. A helpful website to support you with this can be found at http://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/index.html
Times Tables	These should be practised every week. The focus tables for year 3 are 3, 4 and 8 (Children should already know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables from year 2). It is vital that you support your child with practising their times tables at home as this aids their mathematical fluency in class. We have times table resources available for your use at home if you need them.
P.E	Football is on Wednesday afternoons and we will be playing cricket with a coach on Thursday mornings. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit on these days. If your child is unable to take part in PE lessons, they must provide the teacher with a written explanation.
Reading Records	<i>To be completed every week night i.e. Monday –Friday</i> Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. Every child should read at home for at least 10mins a day. They should then complete their reading record every day with a simple comment such as 'I enjoyed this book because...' 'It was funny when...
Trips and Visitors	We are visiting Kew Gardens on Wednesday 20 th April 3JH Wahaca Workshop 3 rd May 3RO Wahaca Workshop 4 th May
Important Dates	Year 3 Maths Workshop - 21 st April Year 3 Reading Workshop - 28 th april

We are focusing on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.00 a.m.** Please ensure that your child is on school at time. If they arrive after their class has entered the school with their teacher, please sign the late book at reception so that their arrival is noted.

Homework is sent home on **Wednesday** and must be brought back to class on **Monday** morning. Reading records and a reading book must be brought in to class **every day**. Only homework, reading 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 every day.

Kind Regards

Rosemary O'Brien and Jack Holmes

