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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the festive season of Christmas and New Year celebrations.

The children have returned well rested and ready for an exciting spring term in 2017. We will continue to explore our whole school theme '**Making Connections, Making Changes**' through an extravaganza of scientific exploration this term. The children will curate the annual Torriano STEAM exhibition in March, where they will share their learning through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. We will be considering the question: **What kind of scientist am I and how can I affect change in the world?** The STEAM team are planning many exciting events so be ready to get involved!

The children will also be contributing to the development of our new **Science Lab**, which is due to be completed in summer 2017. We are thrilled that Camden are providing funding to create the new space in the KS2 turret, following a successful bid to support the development of practical science and exploration in our school. This will also serve as a Science Hub for local schools to access and engage in collaborative projects. There will be further information about the building project and opportunities for the school community to contribute ideas this half term.

In addition, this term we will be celebrating numerous exciting events including; UNICEF Day for Change 2017 and a very special World Book Day in March when we will **mark 20 years** of this important event.

The term dates for **2017-18** have now been published on the school website and can be found on the reverse of this letter. Please do refer to published term dates when arranging holidays as leave during term time cannot be authorised in accordance with the school's Attendance Policy. Please note that there will be **an INSET day for the school's Annual Self-evaluation** event on the **Monday 26th June 2017**. The children will return to school on **Tuesday 27th June 2017**.

After school clubs commence **on the 16th January**. Please can you advise the school office if your child is unable to attend an after school club session. This ensures that we know the whereabouts of all children, pupils going home or arranged collections. The spring extra –curricular timetable is displayed on the **Parent/Carer Notice Board and is accessible on the school website**.

Curriculum letters, providing further information about learning this term, including trips and swimming arrangements, will be sent out on **Friday 13th January 2017**.

I hope the term is an exciting and successful one for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bruckdorfer

