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A Time to Talk; a Time to Change

Autumn Term 2017 Nursery



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Torriano Primary. This letter is to inform you of the areas of the curriculum your child will be studying during the autumn term. As a **Rights Respecting School** we are continuing to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the **whole school Big Question**, 'Who do I want to be?'



This year we will be promoting the **right to be heard** and focusing on developing children's communication and speaking skills. **These oracy** skills and global citizenship are placed at the heart of our pedagogy and curriculum. Through our whole school theme - 'A Time to Talk; A Time Change' we continue to learn about the **17 Global Goals**. Our aim is for our children to develop **learner competencies** set out in our new **values framework** as seen above. This focuses on exploring **who we are**; how **we learn independently**; how **we learn collectively** encourages **everyone to be a changemaker**. To support this, we have many exciting events planned this term including our annual **Careers' Week** and the **World's Largest Lesson 2017**.

As part of our **Healthy not Hungry** campaign the children will be selecting a vegetable or fruit as their class name. They will then grow, harvest and cook their fruit or vegetable with their classmates! Our class will be called the **Sweat Peas**.



Please find this term's curriculum leaflet attached with details on our project 'Who am I?'



Nursery Team



Eleanor, Stana, Melanie, Emily & Sadiya



Rights Respecting Children

We want to encourage the children to be caring, respectful and curious during their learning. Each day the children have the chance to place a leaf on the 'Kindness Tree', when they have demonstrated these core values. They also have a marble jar through which they work towards class rewards.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing our focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our mornings start **at 9.05**. It is important that the children attend nursery every day to help them to develop friendships and learn new, exciting things!



Settling in

During the settling in period the children will be learning to form good friendships, care for themselves and others, adapt to the new daily expectations and routines, as well as keeping healthy and managing their own personal hygiene. The role of all the adults, including parents and carers, is vital in supporting children in becoming independent in all aspects of their learning.

The children will be developing strategies for coping with new challenges as well as gaining confidence and a sense of belonging. We very much appreciate your support and patience during this important time.

Clothing

We are encouraging all the children in Nursery to become independent by looking after their own clothing. We ask all parents to please label all of their child's clothing, which will be kept on their coat pegs.

Healthy Snacks

We would appreciate any contributions of fruit and/or vegetables for our healthy snacks. Please ensure that snacks do not contain any nuts.



Medication

If your child has any medication, e.g. asthma pump, which has to be taken during the school day, please remember to ask the school office for a medical form which you need to fill and sign.

Home Learning

Once the children have settled into the Nursery each child will get a book bag to take home, which will contain: a reading record book, two reading books and a poem. We would appreciate it if you could share these books with your child and enjoy learning new poems and rhymes together.

The children will all get the chance to take home our class mascot, Sweet Pea Puppy, together with his class adventure book which we request parents write in and add photos. His adventures will then be shared with the whole class.

Families and Friends

As part of our project 'Who am I?', we would like you to talk to your child about your family and culture. Sharing photographs and artefacts with your child is an excellent opportunity for discussion. This will help your child develop their sense of self.

You may have noticed in our foyer that we have a 'Wow Tree'. Please feel free to take a leaf and share with us something amazing that your child has learnt at home!

There will be lots of opportunities for you to get involved in your child's learning- more details to follow!

Key Person

Your child's key person is responsible for getting to know all about what they like/ dislike, support their developing skills and be a first point of contact. Please check on the nursery notice board to see who your child's Key Person is.

Website



We are looking forward to a very successful year. You can keep informed about our learning on the school website: <http://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/year-groups/nursery/>

We have an open door policy for parents and carers and will be available to discuss any queries at the end of each school day.

Kind regards,

Stana Downie

