

Torriano Primary School

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A Time to Talk; a Time to Change Autumn Term 2017 Reception



Dear Parent/Carer,

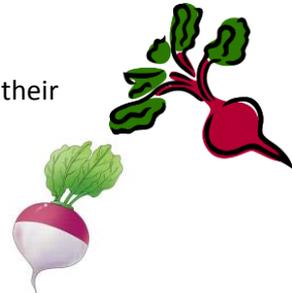
Welcome back to the new academic year at Torriano Primary. We hope you had a good summer - it's great to see familiar faces and we welcome our new families to the school. The children are beginning to settle into their new classes and enjoying Reception. This letter is to inform you of the areas of the 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?'**

	<h1>Who do I want to be?</h1>	
Caring	Respectful	Curious

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** and 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 with their classmates! Our classes will be called The Beetroots (Tom) and The Turnips (Victoria).

We are always happy to listen to any concerns or questions you may have- the best time to speak to us is at the end of the day. **Please find this term's curriculum leaflet attached with details on our 'Who am I?' project.**



Reception Team



Tom, Amy, Victoria, Melanie, Tuula, Eleanor & Rana



Rights Respecting Children

In class the children are rewarded for following the class charter and whole school values. For Reception the values are being Caring (looking after each other and ourselves), Respectful (looking after our classroom) and Curious (looking after our learning). Ask your children if you want to know more about they are rewarded in class.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing our focus on improving attendance and punctuality. As the children are now becoming more settled we would encourage you to say goodbye to them at the door so that they can come straight in for their morning learning. Our morning sessions will start **at 9.05 a.m.** Please ensure your child is at school on time. The Beetroots and The Turnips hope to win the attendance award this term!



Reading at Home

Reading with your child each day is hugely important – it has a big impact on their progress and is enjoyable too! You can help your child to choose a book from the cloakroom and then when at home, make time to sit comfortably together to talk about the pictures and read the story. Your child will love this special time with you and it will help them with their talking them learn to read too.

Over the next few weeks, we will read with your child and begin to send levelled books home. We will change their levelled books and write comments in their monkey book (reading record). Please write comments in your child's monkey book too whenever you share stories together.

Pact folders will be provided and given out next week. Please remember to bring pact folders to school every day and leave them in your child's tray.

Only 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. Newsletters are sent via email every Friday and will appear on the website.



Phonics

Phonics lessons take place daily in Reception and form the foundations for learning to read and write. Your child will receive a **Decoder Dog Sound Booklet** appropriate to the phase of **Letters and Sounds** they are learning. The books are an opportunity for parents and carers to practice reading with their child and they are also a useful communication tool between school and home, helping you to understand what your child is working on now and what their next steps will be.



We recommend that you use the book for around 5 minutes per day. It can be helpful to set a timer or a target, such as a number of pages, for your child so that they have an achievable goal. When you feel that your child confidently knows all of the sounds and tricky words in the book please return it to the class teacher. They will then work through the booklet with your child, award your child's certificate and assign the next phase booklet.

We will be running a **Phonics Workshop for Reception parents** this half term, where we will be able to answer any questions you have about the booklets; please look out for dates in the newsletter and on the Reception notice board.

PE

PE will take place every **Friday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in a PE bag; a white top with black/navy shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers.

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/reception/>

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.

Kinds regards,

Tom Young & Victoria Mott

