

# Torriano Primary School

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## A Time to Talk; a Time to Change

### Autumn Term 2017 Year 3



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Torriano Primary. We are looking forward to meeting you at our Meet the Teacher session next **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 3.45**. We hope that your children are now settled into their new classes and enjoying year 3. 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** 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!

**3O will be the Rockets and 3C will be the Alfalfas.**

**On 19<sup>th</sup> September** you are invited to a Year 3 Meet the Teacher where we will be discussing the teaching and topics for the year and be giving relevant information. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask the Year 3 team questions about up-coming events. **Please find this term's curriculum leaflet attached with details on our focus this term.**





## The Year 3 Team



From Left: Naomi Cave (3C Class Teacher), Jackie Rabstein (Teaching Assistant), Joanna Nowak (Teaching Assistant), Rosemary O'Brien (Year 3 Class Teacher), Sophie Davy (Teacher), Louisa Grasso (Teaching Assistant), Bayden Mohamed (Teaching Assistant)

## Rights Respecting Children

In class the children are rewarded for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school values by progressing through the class incentive system. Once they have reached the top their names are entered into the class 'Golden Book' and they return to the start. After three entries their names are recorded in the school 'Golden Book' and a postcard is sent home to inform you of their achievement. Please ask your children if you want to know more about this system.







## Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing our focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.00**. Please ensure that your child is at school on time. Year 3 hope to win the attendance award this term!



## Homework

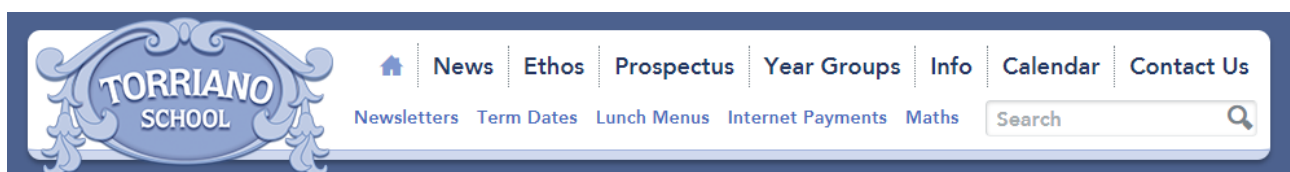
<p>Homework</p>	<p>A piece of homework will be sent home each week linked to your child's learning in class. On occasion the children may get a science or a cross-curricular project to complete over the holidays. <b>Homework</b> is sent home on <b>Wednesday</b> and must be brought back to class on <b>Monday</b> morning.</p>
<p>Lucy Literal's Spelling Bee</p> 	<p>Every week your child will take part in the <i>Torriano Spelling Bee</i>. Spellings will come home on a <b>Wednesday</b> and be tested on a <b>Monday</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class on a <b>Wednesday</b>. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn.</li> <li>○ On a <b>Monday</b> your child will be tested on any words that follow that sound, rule or pattern. The aim is for the children to apply their understanding of the spelling conventions, helping them to become successful spellers.</li> <li>○ There will be suggested activities for your child to do to demonstrate that they have been learning their spellings. The teacher will check their <b>spelling journals</b> each week to check they have completed an activity.</li> </ul>
<p>PACT reading</p> 	<p><b>Parental support</b> is hugely important for developing reading skills, confidence and understanding. Even if children are independent readers, we still encourage parents to read with them or listen to them and discuss the books they are reading.</p> <p>In year 3 children should be reading at home for around 15 minutes a day. To help the teachers understand what and how much children are reading, we request that they complete their reading record every school night (5 <i>times a week</i>), with a simple comment such as '<i>I enjoyed this book because...</i>' '<i>It was funny when...</i>' or alternatively the parent can write the comment for them. Reading records and books must be brought in to class every day so that children can change their books. Reading records will be checked regularly by adults, with a teacher comment once a week.</p>
<p>Fluency in maths</p> 	<p>Knowing number facts is an important tool to enable your child to feel confident in maths. Revising number facts, including times tables, is an easy way to support your child's progress in mathematics and we encourage children to revise them regularly.</p> <p>Through their weekly homework, children will be given strategies and activities to support them.</p>
<p>New words</p> <p><i>Ask me what this means</i></p> 	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day. On a Friday children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week as this will help them to deepen their understanding of the word and to develop their oracy skills!</p>

Only homework, 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.

## PE

PE will take place every **Wednesday and swimming will be every Thursday**. 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 or plimsolls. Swimming Kits should be one-piece swimming costumes and tight swimming shorts/trunks. The swimming pool staff will not allow children to swim in Bermuda shorts or two-piece swimming costumes. Children also require a swimming hat, please see the office in the school if you require one.

## 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/year-3/>

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,

Rosemary O'Brien & Naomi Cave

