

# Torriano Primary School

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## A Time to Talk; a Time to Change Spring Term 2018, Reception



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to another exciting term. We will continue to explore our **whole school theme 'Time to Talk; Time to Change'**. The children will plan and curate the annual **Torriano STEAM exhibition in March**, where they will share their learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. This year, we will be exploring the idea of **'World Articulation'** and the science of communication. Reception will be making lots of noise this term when they kick off **Sound School**, and we hope that you join us in our learning. Please see the curriculum leaflet for ways that you can get involved!

The children will continue to develop their oracy skills, sharing their passion for books on **World Book Day** and collaborating on **UNICEF's Day for Change**.

**Our project this term is Baby Talk** with a focus on how language develops and babies first words. We have some very exciting trips and visits as part of this topic.

### Trips and Events

**Local sound walk** – to explore environmental sounds in our local area – Spring 1.

**Sound School**- no pens, no screen, just NOISE! Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February with Parents welcome to join in from 9-10

**Ducklings** – eggs to be delivered and hatched in Spring 1.

**City Farm to visit baby animals** – Spring 2.

**STEAM exhibition** – 19 - 23 March 2018



### Parents



We will continue to use the **online Learning Journal- Tapestry**. It is a great way to feel a part of the learning that is taking place at school and can be a great talking point with your child; they love to see the photos and have the chance to share what they have been doing! You are also able to upload photos of significant milestones/ events that take place out of school- all adding to a rich picture of your child.

*Please see the class teacher if you are having any trouble accessing this.*



Our **Learn Together** sessions will continue each **Friday morning** at the start of the day and last around 30 minutes. We hope that these sessions give you a valuable insight into the teaching and approaches that we use in class to support the children's learning at home. Please see below the schedule for sessions this term, so that you are able to choose the sessions you feel will be most beneficial to helping you support your child at home.

Spring 1		Spring 2	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Maths	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Reading- Preparation for World Book Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sound School- Parents welcome to come and join in from 9-10	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Writing
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Writing	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Reading	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Maths Parent Workshop with Maths Lead Conor Loughney	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	STEAM Exhibition
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter holidays

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 **'Baby Talk'** project.



### 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. 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!



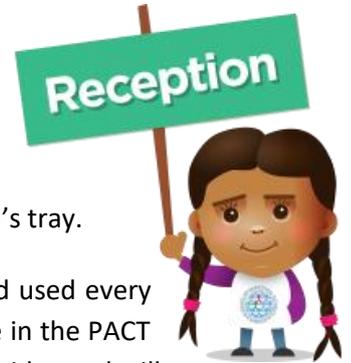
## Reading at Home

Reading with your child each day is really 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 as well as reading.

The children will continue to have **one to one reading with the teacher each week**, where **levelled reading books** will be sent home along with a book of their choice. Please leave comments in your child's monkey book whenever you share stories together.

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.



## 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:

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,

Victoria Mott, Jim Grant and Ellie Fagan

