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A Time to Talk; a Time to Change Spring Term 2018 Year 2



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. Year 2 will be focusing on noise pollution and its impact on animals in their natural habitats. We hope that you join us in our learning.

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 topic this term is the Foundling Hospital with a focus on the children becoming self-directed learners who are active and independent in all lessons. We will also be focusing on talking about emotions, relationships and team work, again linking to oracy. We have some very exciting trips and visits as part of this topic.

Trips and Events

Our trip to the Foundling Museum today was a great success and has given us plenty of ideas and inspiration to continue work on our topic this term. We are also planning for some special visitors to come and tell us about their knowledge of the Foundlings.

We will be a part of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's production of the Fairy Queen, taking place at Kings Cross Academy at 11:00am on Thursday 8th March. We hope that you will be able to join us to see us perform alongside a live orchestra!

As a part of Science Week, on the 6th February, we will have a visit from scientists from the Crick Institute who will do a workshop with us about the journey of a germ.

Behaviour

In class the children are rewarded for excellent work, participation and following the class charter by progressing through the class incentive system, their names are then recorded in the school 'Golden Book' which the children relish becoming part of!






Attendance and Punctuality



We will continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.05 a.m.** Please ensure that your child is on school at time.

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. Homework is sent home on Wednesday and must be brought back to class on Monday morning.</p>
<p>PACT reading</p> 	<p>Parental support 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>Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. In Key Stage 1 children should be reading at home for around 10 minutes a day. To help the teachers understand what and how much children are reading, we request that they complete their reading record at <i>least three times a week</i> with a simple comment such as <i>'I enjoyed this book because...'</i> <i>'It was funny when...'</i> There are suggested sentence starters in the front of the reading records to help the children write these comments, 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 detailed 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 on **Tuesday** and **Thursday afternoons**. 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. This kit needs to be appropriate for outdoor activities on the pitch during winter. **This PE kit should stay in school and must be a change of clothes.**

Learn together

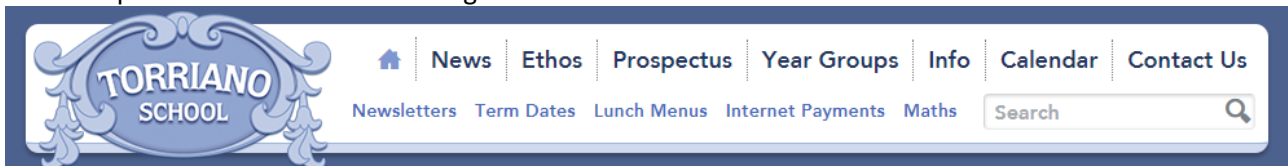
Year 2 will have their stay and learn session on a **Wednesday** morning from 9.05 am until approximately 9:40am.

Medications

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.

Website

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.

We look forward to an exciting and busy Spring Term!

Kind regards,

Mr Holmes and Miss Meechan

