

Torriano Primary School

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A Time to Talk; a Time to Change Spring Term 2018 Year 3



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 three will be focusing on changes in sound. We will investigate how sound was represented in the past, investigating methods of recording and exploring lost sounds and how sound might be heard in the future. 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 *Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age* with a focus on how lifestyles changed during this period, particularly farming and settlements. We have some very exciting trips, events and visits planned as part of this topic.

Trips and Events

British Museum to explore changes in prehistoric Britain-18th January

Science workshop with the Crick Institute- 6th February

Stone Age day run by an outreach programme from the University of London- 9th February

Natural History Museum to see the Sequoia tree and the prehistoric gallery-27th February

British Library to see their exhibition on lost sounds- Date TBC

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' and a postcard is sent home to inform you of their achievement.



Attendance and Punctuality



We will continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons start **promptly at 9.00 a.m.** Please ensure that your child is at school on time. If they arrive after their class has entered the school with their teacher, please sign the late book at reception so that their arrival is noted.

Homework	A piece of Maths, Science or English homework will be sent home each week. On occasion the children may get a science or a topic related project to complete over the holidays. All homework is sent home on a Wednesday. Please check that your child has theirs and support them when completing it.
Handwriting 	A quick and fluid handwriting style is essential for all children. We are focusing on joining patterns this term and practise handwriting daily in class. Please encourage your child to write neatly at home and to use the correct letter formation. A helpful website to support you with this can be found at http://www.letterjoin.co.uk/ - children were given a log in but if you are unable to find this, please just ask.
Torriano Spelling Bee	Each week we run our Spelling Bee in class. Please check your child's work and support them with their spellings. The spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class. Your child will then be given a list of words to learn. -Your child will be tested weekly on any words that follow that sound, rule or pattern; the aim is for the children to apply their understanding of the spelling conventions. There will be suggested activities for your child to do to demonstrate that they have been learning their spellings.
PACT reading 	<i>To be completed every week night i.e. Monday –Friday</i> Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. Every child should read at home for at least 10mins a day. They should then complete their reading record every day with a simple comment such as 'I enjoyed this book because...' 'It was funny when... We encourage you to read with your children at least once a week and use this opportunity to discuss their reading using the Torriano Detective Agency question prompts.
Times Tables 	These should be practised every week. The focus tables for year 3 are 3, 4 and 8 (children should already know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables from year 2). It is vital that you support your child with practising their times tables at home as this aids their mathematical fluency in class. We have times table resources available for your use at home if you need them. We use the John Kane songs in class which could also benefit your child at home.

Homework is sent home on **Wednesday** and must be brought back to class on **Monday** morning. Reading records and a reading book must be brought in to class **every day**. Only homework, reading 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 every day.



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.

Kind Regards

Rosemary O'Brien & Naomi Cave
Year 3 Teachers

