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A Time to Talk; a Time to Change Summer Term 2018 Year 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Torriano Primary. We hope you had a lovely Easter break. This letter is to inform you of the areas of the curriculum your child will be studying during the Summer 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?'



Global citizenship remains at the heart of our curriculum through our whole school theme - 'A Time to Talk; A Time Change' where 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**.

Our whole school project this term will mark 100 years since some women were given the right to vote in Britain. There will be events to engage the children in this important topic.

Please find this term's curriculum leaflet attached with details on our topic this term which is significant women from the past, starting with the volcanologist Katia Krafft.

Attendance and Punctuality

We will continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Please ensure that your child is on school at time. We will continue with the soft start in Year 1, with classroom doors opening from **9am**, but please ensure children arrive at school on time by **9.05am**.

Phonics Screen

All children in Year 1 will take a phonics screen reading check in June. Please attend the **parent workshop** on Thursday 3rd April at 9.15am with Holly to find out more. This will take the place of *Learn Together* next week.



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>Phonics- Decoder Dog's Sound Book</p> 	<p>Phonics lessons take place daily in Year 1 and form the foundations for learning to read and write. Your child has received a Decoder Dog Sound Booklet appropriate to the phase of <i>Letters and Sounds</i> they are learning. The books are an opportunity for parents and carers to practise 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.</p> <p>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 to the class teacher. They will then award your child's certificate and assign the next phase booklet.</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>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 now complete their reading record at least three times a week with a simple comment such as '<i>I enjoyed this book because...</i>' '<i>It was funny when...</i>' The parent can write the comment for them if your child finds this challenging.</p> <p>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 weekly.</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 counting in twos, fives and tens, is an easy way to support your child's progress in mathematics and we encourage children to revise them regularly. 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>
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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 Friday afternoons**. On Fridays we have a gymnastics coach coming in to work with the children. 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



You can keep informed about our learning on the school website: <http://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/year-groups/year-1/>

Learn together

Year 1 have their *Learn Together* session each **Thursday** morning from 9.05 am until approximately 9:40am. All are welcome!

We look forward to an exciting and busy Summer Term!

Kind Regards,

Ms Bretherton and Miss Churchill

