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A Time to Talk; a Time to Change



Summer Term 2018 Year 3

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?'

		<h3>Who do I want to be?</h3>					
Caring	Respectful	Curious	Honest	Informed	Active	Empathetic	Resilient

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 the Shang Dynasty with a focus on Fu Hao and the development of farming and lifestyles. We have some very exciting trips and visits as part of this topic.

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. Homework is sent home on Wednesday and must be brought back to class on Monday morning.</p>
<p>Lucy Literal's Spelling</p> 	<p>Every week your child will take part in the <i>Torriano Spelling Bee</i>. Spellings will come home on a Wednesday and be tested on a Monday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class on a Wednesday. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn. ○ On a Monday 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. ○ There will be suggested activities for your child to do to demonstrate that they have been learning their spellings. The teacher will check their spelling journals each week to check they have completed an activity.
<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>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 at <i>least four 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.</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>



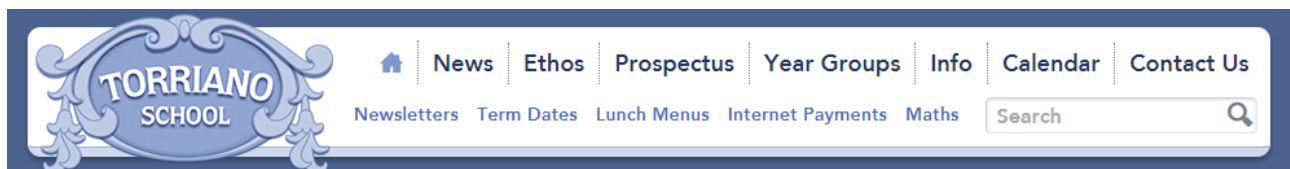
<p>New words</p> <p><i>Ask me what this means</i></p> 	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day. On a Friday children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week as this will help them to deepen their understanding of the word and to develop their oracy skills!</p>
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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 every **Thursday 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. Swimming will begin on May 1st and will be every Tuesday morning at Archway Pool.

Website



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

