

Torriano Primary School

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Start of new term Parent/Carer letter Summer 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Torriano Primary School. We are looking forward to another exciting term. As a **Rights Respecting School** we are continuing to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and to 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 **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 trips and events to engage the children in this important topic.

Our class topic this term is France with a focus on exploring the language and culture and on geographical skills. We have many exciting trips planned including visiting the Tate Modern to admire the work of French artists, visiting the Institute de français, and will be applying our geography skills during our residential camping trip in Epping Forest, where children will be considering SDG 15; Life on Land. The trip will allow children to develop their geographical and scientific enquiry abilities as well as building on their personal and social skills.

Trips and Events

- Tate Modern (2nd May)
- Institute français screening of a French film (21st May)
- Debden House camping (24th -25th May)
- Orienteering Hampstead Heath, 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.

We will continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.00 a.m.** Please ensure that your child is on school at 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. By the end of year 4, children need to know all their tables up to 12x12. 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.

Kind Regards

Hannah Long and Alice Kennedy
Year 4 teachers

