



## Start of new term Parent/Carer letter

### Summer Term 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term at Torriano Primary School. 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 will continue to learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the question: **'Who do I want to be?'**

This year marks **100 years** since the **Representation of the People Act** was passed, granting some women over 30 in the UK the right to vote for the first time. We will explore who inspired this change and how it was accomplished.

Our main topic focus for this term is a study of Brazil. Through this topic, we will deepen our understanding of some of the key geography skills and raise awareness in our local community and beyond, about the impact of our lifestyle choices, focusing our attentions on the impact of consumerism on the Amazon Rainforest. We will share our learning and our messages with the school and community over the course of the term. Whilst learning about the Amazon Rainforest, we will integrate our science topic about living things and their habitats and in the following half term Year 5 will be involved in a science challenge, which is supported by The Francis Crick Institute and the Wellcome Trust.

#### **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 are focusing 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.
P.E.	P.E. will be every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. We will be learning the Capoeira style of dance, which links to our South American topic, and taking part in fitness learning with Rachel.
Torriano Spelling Bee	Every week your child will take part in the <i>Torriano Spelling Bee</i> . Spellings will come home on a <b>Wednesday</b> and be tested on the following <b>Monday</b> . -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 the sound, rule or pattern to learn. - There will be a spelling test every Monday. The aim is for the children to apply their understanding of the spelling conventions, helping them to become successful spellers.
Reading record	Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. Every child should be reading at home for at least 10 minutes a day. They should then complete their reading record every day 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.
Times Tables	Children should be using Times Table Rockstars every day as, by now, every child should know their times tables up to and including the 12 times table. Time to get practicing!

**Homework** will come home on **Wednesdays** and must be brought back to class on **Monday** morning. Reading records and a reading book must be brought in to class **every day**.

Kind Regards

Sarah Lewis and William Hann

