

Torriano Primary School

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Start of new term Parent/Carer letter Summer Term 2018

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.

During this busy term, we will be taking our SATs tests; travelling overseas to Paris and writing, producing and performing our end of school production.

The SATs tests will take place in the week beginning 14th May. All tests will take place in the morning. Please find the timetable below.

Monday 14 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 (Spelling) and 2 (Grammar)
Tuesday 15 th May	English reading
Wednesday 16 th May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 17 th May	Mathematics paper 3

This term we will be going on the much anticipated trip, via the Eurostar, to Paris in June. Those children who are not going to Paris will be planning their trips with Mrs Trehwella and a letter about these will be coming to those parents in the very near future. Finally, planning for the year 6 production is well underway, and the children will be receiving more information about the project following their SATs.



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	Science, English and or Maths homework is sent home weekly. 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. And due on a Monday. Please support/oversee the completion of homework.
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...' 'I predict that...'. We encourage you to read with your children at least once a week.

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

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Year 6



