

# Torriano Primary School

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## Our Future Starts HERE



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the academic year at Torriano Primary. We hope you had a good summer - it's great to see familiar faces and we welcome our new families to the school. The children are beginning to settle into their new classes and enjoying Reception. We will see you as your child comes into school each day and also at our Meet the Team session this **Friday at 3:30 PM**. This letter is to give some important information regarding the year ahead. As a **Rights Respecting School** we all learn about the rights and lives of children throughout the world and explore the **whole school Big Question, 'Who do I want to be?'**

	<h1>Who do I want to be?</h1>	
Caring	Respectful	Curious

## Our Future Starts HERE; What's your view?

Through our whole school theme, 'Our Future Starts HERE', we continue to focus on **turning learning into action in our community** and beyond. We will consider the **right to an education for all** and the **right to be healthy, focusing on clean air, physical and mental health**. We are very fortunate to now have access to our wonderful new Science Lab and will work scientifically throughout the year to explore our exciting new resource. Our innovative mini-STEAM exhibitions will take place over the course of the year, with the lab and our new state of the art radio room adding a new dimension to the learning at Torriano. Our STEAM project with Nursery will be in the Spring term. More information on this will come in due course.

To kick off the new academic year our overall topic will be families and pets. Through this we will learn about what makes each of us different based on what we like, who our families are, and where we live. We will then move on to finding out about different pets and how we care for them.



**CHANGEMAKER SCHOOLS**





## The Reception Team



From Left: Yasmin Ali (Teaching Assistant), Hannah Avis (Reception Class Teacher), Tuula Laurila-Lynch (Early Years Educator), Victoria Brown (Reception Class Teacher), Rana Begum (Nursery Nurse)

## Rights Respecting Children

In class the children are rewarded for following the class charter and whole school values. For Reception the values are being *caring*, *respectful* and *curious*. A star of the week will also be awarded each day in class – look out for the Brilliant Beetroots (Hannah's class) and the Terrific Turnips (Vic's class).

## Attendance and Punctuality



We are always focused on attendance and punctuality at Torriano. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.05** so please ensure children are at school. Please also make sure that your child is at school on time and ready to learn.

## Clothing

We are encouraging all the children in Reception to become independent by looking after their own clothing. We ask all parents to please label all of their child's clothing, which will be kept on their coat pegs. We don't wear shoes inside our Reception so please send your child to school in shoes they can easily take off and put on themselves as they will be moving between the inside and outside areas freely.

## Reading at Home

Reading with your child each day is really important – it has a big impact on their progress and is enjoyable too!

You can help your child to choose a book from the cloakroom and then when at home, make time to sit comfortably together to talk about the pictures and read the story. Your child will love this special time with you and it will help them with their talking and help them learn to read too.

Over the next few weeks, we will read with your child and begin to send levelled books home. We will change their levelled books and leave comments in their monkey book (reading record) regularly. Please leave comments in your child's monkey book too whenever you share stories together. Let us know how they are getting on with reading words and knowing their different phonics sounds.

Phonics lessons take place daily in Reception and form the foundations for learning to read and write. Your child will receive a Decoder Dog Sound Booklet appropriate to the phase of Letters and Sounds they are learning. The books are an opportunity for parents and carers to practise reading with your 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.



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 it to the class teacher. They will then work through the booklet with your child and assign the next phase booklet. Please look out for parent workshops about phonics to support you with reading at home.

Torriano book bags will be provided and given out next week to all children. Please remember to bring these bags to school every day and leave them in your child's tray.

Only books and reading records should be kept in the book bag as these are kept and used every day in class, please send their PE kits in a separate bag. Letters may be sent home in these bags 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 **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in a PE bag which will stay at school and be sent home every half term. This should include a white top with black/navy shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers / plimsolls. Changing for PE is part of the Early Learning Goals so it is imperative that the children have a PE kit to change into.

## Extended Hours

If your child is signed up for the extended hours provision, this will begin on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure payments for this are done either through the Payment Portal or at the Main Office. If you are interested in using this service, but have yet to sign up, please speak to the Main Office.

## Website



We are looking forward to a very successful year. You can keep informed about our learning on the school website: <http://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/year-groups/Reception>

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,

The Reception Team

