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Our Future Starts HERE

Summer Term 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

#Mind in Motion

Our whole-school project will focus on the **quintessential of Leonardo da Vinci's death, which took place on 15th April 2019**. A pioneer in many fields, Leonardo da Vinci is a great lens through which to view our STEAM education focus. The children will learn about his life and works, which will also inspire the **Year 1 and Year 5 STEAM project this term**; The Future is Solar! All STEAM curriculum projects will culminate in the **Camden STEAM Hub exhibition on the 10th July at Central St Martins School of Art and Design**.

Please find this term's curriculum leaflet attached with details on our topic this term which continues to look at the **lives of significant individuals from the past** with a focus on Sarah Forbes Bonetta and Traditional Tales. We also have some very exciting trips and events planned for this term.

Attendance and Punctuality



We are continuing our focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.05** Please ensure that your child is lined up at 9:00 ready to walk in with the rest of the class. Year 2 hope to win the attendance and fewest lates awards this term!

Homework	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 a Wednesday and must be brought back to class on Monday morning.
Lucy Literal's Spelling 	We have given out a list of key Year 2 spelling as a reminder of what the children have learnt during their spelling and phonics lessons this year. We will continue with our daily spelling lessons in class but also ask that you continue to work on these spellings with your children at home to help secure them.



<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 2 children should be reading at home for around 10 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> 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 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>Ask me what this means</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>

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 **Friday afternoon throughout the first half term**. 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. Wearing a football kit to school is not appropriate PE kit, it should be a **change of clothes**.



You can keep informed about our learning on the school website: <http://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/year-groups/year-2/>

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,

Jack Holmes and Beth Worlock

