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Our Future Starts HERE



Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Term 2019

#Mind in Motion

Our whole-school project will focus on the **quintcentennial 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**.

The Future is US

We will also be celebrating the diversity of our community through a range of learning projects and community events. We look forward to enjoying food and cultures together at the **Summer Fair on the 6th July**. A **special Eid assembly** will take place on the **5th or 6th of June** and we invite you to an **Eid Party for the whole community** to mark the end of Ramadan on the **14th June**. There will also be a **football and BBQ** after-school community event on the **24th June** in support of the **Women's World Cup 2019** (7th June – 7th July) and **UNICEF Day for Change 2019 Soccer Aid**. There are lots of opportunities to come together and enjoy the summer.

Our topic the first half term is the Romans in Britain and in the second half-term we will be looking at the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci. We have some very exciting trips and visits as part of these topics.

Trips and events

- Visit to the Roman Galleries, Museum of London (8th May)
- Live Lesson at school, parents welcome! (21st May)
- Orienteering on Hampstead Heath (4K – 15th May, 4W – 17th May)
- Camping, Debden House, 23rd to 24th May



CHANGEMAKER SCHOOLS



Artsmark Gold Award
Awarded by Arts Council England



Rights Respecting Children

In class the children are rewarded for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school values by progressing through the class incentive system. Once they have reached the top their names are entered into the class 'Golden Book' and they return to the start. After three entries their names are recorded in the school 'Golden Book' and a postcard is sent home to inform you of their achievement. Please ask your children if you want to know more about this system.



Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing our focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Our morning lessons will start **promptly at 9.00**. Please ensure that your child is at school on time. Year 4 hope to win the attendance award this term!

Homework

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 Wednesday and must be brought back to class on Monday morning.
<p>Lucy Literal's Spelling Bee</p> 	<p>Every week your child will take part in the <i>Torriano Spelling Bee</i>. Spellings will come home on a Thursday and be tested on the following Thursday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class on a Thursday. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn. ○ On the following Thursday your child will be tested on any words that follow that sound, rule or pattern. The aim is for the children to apply their understanding of the spelling conventions, helping them to become successful spellers. ○ There will be suggested activities for your child to do to demonstrate that they have been learning their spellings. The teacher will check their spelling journals each week to check they have completed an activity.

<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Parental and guardian 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>Children need to read at home for at least 15 minutes a day and complete a short daily reflection ('I enjoyed this book because...' 'It was funny when...' or alternatively an adult can write the comment for them) in their reading records. Reading records will no longer be marked by an adult daily, but twice weekly (on a Monday and Thursday), with the viewpoint that it will enable adults to spend more time reading with individual and small groups of children.</p> <p>Children's reading records and current reading book should still be brought to school every day as they are sometimes used, and referred to, in lessons.</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 in mathematics and we encourage children to revise them regularly.</p> <p>Through their weekly homework, children will be given strategies and activities to support them. Children will also be encouraged to login into their 'Times Table Rockstars' account.</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 book bag as these are kept and used every day in class, please send their PE kits in a separate bag. Letters for trips and other correspondence will continue to be issued through Arbor. Newsletters are sent via email every Friday and will also appear on the website.

PE

PE will take place every **Monday afternoon and Friday morning**. 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 or plimsolls. We will be outside on a Friday morning so please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing including black/navy jumper.

Website



We are looking forward to a very successful year. You can keep informed about our learning on the school website: <https://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/year-groups/year-4/>

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,

Hetty Wooding and Alice Kennedy

(Class teachers)

