

# Torriano Primary School

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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 recent quincentennial of Leonardo da Vinci's death. 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 our STEAM project with year 1 this term; The Future is Solar.

Our STEAM project will look at the centre of our solar system and humanity's long relationship with the sun, its worship and its uses. The moon will also be a focus, as we celebrate 50 years since the lunar landing and consider how the moon may feature in our future. We look forward to seeing you at our STEAM exhibition on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### 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 5 hope to win the attendance award this term!

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April- Science Museum  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May- Royal Observatory  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May -Primary School's Dance Festival  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- SunSpaceArt Workshop in school  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Natural History Museum  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - STEAM



## Homework

<p>Homework</p>	<p>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. <b>Homework</b> is sent home on <b>Wednesday</b> and must be brought back to class on <b>Monday</b> morning.</p>
<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 <b>Wednesday</b> and be tested on a <b>Monday</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The spelling sound, rule or pattern is taught in class. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn.</li> <li>○ On a <b>Monday</b> your child will be tested on these. The aim is for the children to apply their understanding of the spelling conventions, helping them to become successful spellers.</li> <li>○ There will be suggested activities for your child to do to demonstrate that they have been learning their spellings. The teacher will check their <b>spelling journals</b> each week to check they have completed an activity.</li> </ul>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p><b>Parental and guardian support</b> 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. <b>Reading records will no longer be marked by an adult daily, but twice weekly</b> (on a Monday and Thursday), this allows staff to spend more time reading with individual and small groups of children. Reading records and current reading books should 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. <b>Revising number facts, including times tables</b>, 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><b>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day.</b> 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 its meaning and to develop their oracy skills!</p>

## Book Bags

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 **Thursday (swimming) and Friday afternoon**. 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 update our timings after half term.

## 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-5/>

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,

Rosemary O'Brien and Sorrel Evangelou

(Class teachers)

