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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 **quincentennial 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 of the children's learning 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 on time, so that they do not miss their learning.

<p>Fluency in maths</p> 	<p>Sing counting rhymes to help your child develop counting skills. Count steps, jumps as well as things like trees, fruit, etc, and talk about the numbers in the local environment. Ask your child to compare different amounts of objects and say which set has 'more' or 'less'.</p>
<p>Phonics</p> 	<p>We will be continuing to sing songs and rhymes. Please help your child learn their poem of the week and ask them to guess the rhyming words. We will be playing phonic games to help us identify sounds in simple words. To help your child with the initial sound in words play 'I Spy' or 'Silly Soup' games, using the letter sound as opposed to the letter name.</p>



<p>Home reading</p> 	<p>We appreciate your support in reading, especially now that the children are developing skills for reading books and poems. We hope you have been enjoying learning new poems and rhymes together. Your support is hugely important for developing your child's reading skills, confidence and understanding. Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. We would appreciate if you could sign your child's reading record once <i>a week</i> and write a simple comment about their reading experience, including enjoyment.</p>
<p>New words <i>Ask me what this means</i></p> 	<p>Every Friday our 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>

Letters for trips and other correspondence are issued through Arbor. Newsletters are sent via email every Friday and will also appear on the website.

No Shoe Classroom

As Nursery is a no shoe classroom, we ask children and visiting adults to take their shoes off when they come into the classroom. Our learning takes place inside and outside, which means children frequently have to take off their shoes. To make this easier we ask parents to make sure that their child wears shoes that are easy for them to do by themselves.

Transition

During summer term, the children will be developing strategies for coping with changes as well as gaining confidence and a sense of belonging. These skills will help them with forming new friendships, caring for themselves and others as well as adapting to the new daily expectations and routines. The role of all the adults, including parents and carers, is vital in supporting children during the transition and supporting them in becoming independent in all aspects of their learning. We very much appreciate your support and patience during this important time.

Website



We are looking forward to a very successful term. You can keep informed about our learning on the school website: <https://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 Nursery Team