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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 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!

Phonics -

Decoder Dog's Sound Book



Phonics lessons take place daily in Reception and form the foundations for learning to read and write. Your child will have received **Phase 2 and 3 Decoder Dog Sound Booklets**. The books are an opportunity for parents and carers to practise reading with their 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 to the class teacher.



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<p>Home 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>Reading daily at home with an adult is crucial to helping your child make progress. In Reception 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 parents/carers complete their reading record once <i>a week</i> with a simple comment. Reading records and books must be brought in to class every day. Reading records will be checked regularly by adults, with a teacher comment once a week.</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 counting and recognising numbers to 20, is an easy way to support your child's progress in mathematics and we encourage children to revise them regularly.</p>
<p>New words</p> <p>Ask me what this means</p> 	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place each week. 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 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. From now on letters for trips and other correspondence will be issued through Arbor. Newsletters are sent via email every Friday and will also appear on the website.

No Shoe Classroom

As Reception is a no shoe classroom, we ask children and visiting adults to take their shoes off when they come into the classroom. In Reception, our learning takes place inside and outside, which means children frequently have to take off their shoes. To make this easier we ask that children wear shoes they can remove and put on independently.

PE

PE will take place every **Friday**. 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. The children will be changing for each PE lesson so these kits should stay at school at will be sent home every half term.

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 Reception Team

