

# Torriano Primary School

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## Start of new term Parent/Carer letter

Summer Term 2018

*“Study the science of art. Study the art of science. Develop your senses – especially learn how to see. Realise that everything connects to everything else.”*

*Leonardo da Vinci*



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays and the sunshine.** The children have returned refreshed and ready for learning as we embark on this busy summer term. This term we will continue our focus on active citizenship, engaging in whole school campaigns, sporting and community events.

### *#Mind in Motion*

Our whole-school project will focus on the **quincentennial of Leonardo da Vinci’s death, which took place on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> July.** A special **Eid assembly** will take place on the **5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of June** and we invite you to an **Eid Party for the whole community** to mark the end of Ramadan on the **14<sup>th</sup> June.** There will also be a **football and BBQ** after-school community event on the **24<sup>th</sup> June** in support of the **Women’s World Cup 2019** (7<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July) and **UNICEF Day for Change 2019 Soccer Aid.** There are lots of opportunities to come together and enjoy the summer.

## Year 6 Information

During this busy and dynamic term, the children will be taking their SATs tests, travelling overseas to Paris and writing, producing and performing our end of school production.

The SATs tests will take place in the week beginning Monday 13th May. All tests will take place in the morning. Please find the timetable below.

Monday 13th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 (Spelling) and 2 (Grammar)
Tuesday 14th May	English reading
Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics paper 3

This term, we will be going on our much-anticipated trip, via the Eurostar, to Paris on the 7th June. Those children who are not going to Paris will be attending the Year 6 London Trip; additional information will be distributed about these trips in the forthcoming weeks.

## Dates for diary

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Paris meeting @ 15:45
  - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July @14:00 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July @16:30 (TBC) - Year 6 production
  - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (Last day) - Leavers Assembly @ 10:00

## Homework

<p><b>Reading</b></p> 	<p>We still hope you will support your child's ongoing reading development. <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>
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<p><b>Fluency in maths</b></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. 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><b>New words</b></p> <p><i>Ask me what this means</i></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>

## PE

PE will take place every **Monday and Thursday**. 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-6/>

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 Year 6 Team