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Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2022 at Torriano. For the summer term, we continue our whole school theme, The Art of Explanation. We kicked off the term by celebrating Earth Day on Friday, encouraging the children to consider innovative ways to help combat climate change and develop our relationship with nature. We will also be taking part in a whole school project called The World Reimagined.

All children will use their science learning to further develop their investigative skills with our Scientist in Residence Dr Lucy Collinson from the CRICK Institute. Other exciting partnerships will really bring the children's learning to life and include The University of Westminster, Camden Beeline, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and Creative Collaborative. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of this half term.

This letter and curriculum leaflet gives further information regarding this term's learning. You will be updated regularly through the newsletter, website and school Twitter feed @TorrianoJuniorS.



Learning in Year 5

The attached curriculum leaflet gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this term in your child's year group. Through our Brazil topic the children will be learning about the physical and human geography of Brazil, the Amazon river and rainforest and the ethical dilemma posed by deforestation. We will develop this further in the second half term, looking back at the Maya Civilisation and their contribution to modern day South America.

All classes will use Torriano Timelines and Knowledge Quarters to support children to learn, remember and recall key facts about the Maya.

Trips

We are delighted to be able to plan and take children on a range of educational trips once again. All trips will be risk assessed and you will be informed about them in advance. This term we will be welcoming the exuberant and knowledgeable Mexicolore to the school for our Maya project and we will be going to London Zoo as part of our science learning. We will also be having our year 5 residential trip to Burwell House from the 17th – 19th June 2022. More details about Burwell House will be available at our residential meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 3:45pm.



Attendance and Punctuality

Ted and Earl will be on the lookout for good attendance and prompt school arrival this term. We will be celebrating good attendance and time-keeping behaviour in our weekly special achievement assemblies. Attendance at school is essential for all children, to support their academic development and wellbeing. We continue to work towards our attendance target of 97%. We appreciate the challenges that Covid presents and take this into account for children's attendance. We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance using Arbor to ensure their attendance remains excellent. Please ensure you download the Arbor App to access your child's profile and complete payments.

Home Learning

 <p>Google Classroom Homework</p>	<p>Homework at Torriano will continue to be given through Google Classroom (Class code ag2f52h for 5S and class code bmgm4k for 5B). Homework books are available if children prefer to do their homework in this way but we would encourage the use of Google Classroom. Homework is set on a Wednesday and should be returned on Monday, online or in books.</p>
<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 in their reading records ('I enjoyed this book because...' 'It was funny when...' or alternatively an adult can write the comment for them). Reading records will be marked by an adult twice weekly (on a Monday and Thursday). Children's reading records and current reading book should be brought to school every day as they are sometimes used, and referred to, in lessons.</p> <p>Please note our new 'question of the week' prompts for reading records, located on the weekly homework on Google Classroom.</p>
<p>Wanda's Spelling Bee</p> 	<p>Every week your child will take part in <i>Wanda's Spelling Bee</i>. A spelling sound, rule or pattern will be taught in class each week on a Wednesday. Your child will then be given a list of words that follow that sound, rule or pattern to learn. Spellings will be sent home in a spelling books and published in Google Classroom.</p> <p>The following week, your child will be tested on their 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</p>

	spellings. The teacher will check their spelling books each week to check they have completed an activity.
<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. Through their weekly homework, children will be given strategies and activities to support them. Children will also be encouraged to log in into online maths resources such as Hegarty Maths, Doodle Maths or Timestable Rockstars. Their login details for specific website resources will be sent home. MOT Certificates are awarded to children in Celebration Assemblies when they have successfully mastered the number facts relevant to their learning and personal targets (e.g. times tables).</p>
<p>New words</p> 	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching of new words linked to the learning takes place every day. On a Friday, children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker and discuss its meaning with their friends and the adults they meet. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week. This will help them to deepen their understanding of the new vocabulary and to develop their oracy skills.</p>

Homework, spelling books reading books and reading records should be kept in a book bag as these are used/referred to regularly in class.

PE

PE will take place every Wednesday and Thursday. Children will not be changing for PE so please ensure they wear appropriate clothes for physical activity on these days, including trainers. Please note, we have and will continue to do a Daily Mile, so it is important that children wear appropriate footwear daily.

We look forward to an exciting year and are available at pickup to discuss any queries at the end of each school day.

Kind regards,

Beth and Sorrel

