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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another brilliant start to the new academic year at Torriano, with children settling quickly into their new classes, returning to good learning habits and being incredibly active learners. Thank you to all who attended our Meet the Team meetings with new class teachers, we hope this gave you a sense of the coming year.

This letter gives further important and detailed information regarding the year ahead and this term's learning. Please keep an eye out for parent workshops which will be running throughout the year. Our weekly newsletter, sent on a Thursday, will keep you updated of all that is happening in the school. Please also follow us on @TorrianoJuniorS .

## Together, The Future Starts Here

This year, Torriano and Brecknock schools will be exploring the whole school and federation theme Together, The Future Starts Here. We are excited to embark on a deeper partnership, with each other, with our children, parents and community, increasing opportunities for everyone to learn together.



We will enrich our learning and curriculum with a focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) quality education, reduced inequalities, affordable and clean energy. In the Autumn Term we will mark key events; Global Goals Week, Ada Lovelace Day, Black History Season and Anti-bullying Week.

Please see the rest of the letter below and curriculum leaflet, detailing the core and wider curriculum for children. Knowledge mats are also being sent out to support children's learning in history, geography and science. This information will also be available shortly on our new website.

## Rights Respecting Children

As a Gold Rights Respecting school, we consistently focus on the rights of the child and how these help us to develop an understanding of respect and empathy for others. At the start of this term, every class has created their class charter, underpinned by the Torriano school values.



In class, the children are praised for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school values. Our behaviour system is called '1,2,3 Magic', which we believe complements our ethos. Children are rewarded with stickers linked to the school value they have demonstrated. These values are celebrated during our weekly special achievement assemblies.

## Learning in Year 5

The attached curriculum leaflet gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this term in Year 5. Through our Anglo-Saxon topic, the children will be learning about the invasion of Lindisfame and the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, as well as how this has contributed to the United Kingdom that we know today.

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

## 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 following current guidelines. This term we are going to the British Museum to look at the artefacts from the Sutton Hoo burial site.



## Attendance and Punctuality



Ted and Earl will be on the lookout for good attendance and prompt school arrival this term. We understand that reaching 100% daily attendance is challenging at this time, we will be celebrating good attendance and time-keeping behaviour in our weekly, virtual special achievement assemblies. 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 Home Learning</p>	<p>Home Learning at Torriano will be given through Google Classroom and in Home Learning books. Children have been set up on their new Google Classrooms for 2022-23 and homework will be set online and in books on request. Login details will be the same as last year but with a new class code:</p> <p>Class code for 5N: 3dk33t6 Class code for 5L: xfud2vp</p> <p>Children have been re-issued their login details at school.</p> <p>This year, we will be incorporating new online learning strategies, such as quizzes and recapping what has been taught in class, into the home learning. These will help to embed previously taught core skills and to support children to retain knowledge from across the curriculum. Home Learning books are available if children prefer to do their homework in this way but we would encourage the use of Google Classroom.</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 20 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>Wanda's Spelling Bee</p> 	<p>Every week your child will take part in <i>Wanda's Spelling Bee</i>.</p> <p>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 the 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. An overview of spelling will be attached for the half-term within their Home Learning book and on google classroom.</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 times tables, is an important 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 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.</p> <p>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><b>New words</b> Ask me what this means...</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>
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Homework books, reading books and reading records should be kept in a book bag as these are used/referred to regularly in class. Spelling books stay in school for quizzes.

## PE

PE will take place every Thursday for 5L and every Friday 5N. 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.

Class. 5N will be swimming every day from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September for 2 weeks. 5L will be swimming every day from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October for 2 weeks. Children will need to bring a swimming costume, swim cap and towel. Goggles are optional. We will send a letter with details nearer the time.

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,

Naomi and Libby  
Year 5 teachers