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29th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another great week at Torridon. We have been delighted to welcome some new families to Torridon. The children have been wonderful at helping their new friends to settle in. We have also welcomed some student teachers from the Institute of Education who will be starting their teaching placements with us next week.

Thank you for being so understanding about not using the Nursery gate as a thoroughfare onto the main playground. The gate will remain closed until further notice as an additional safety measure for our youngest children. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Next week is the launch of Black History Month. Our theme this year is 'Black and British' and we will be celebrating women who were trailblazers in their chosen fields. Look out for some lovely learning in our newsletter over the next few weeks.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George Headteacher



Parent and Carer Maths Workshop

The way that we teach maths has changed lots since most parents were at school. Sometimes, it can be hard to know the best way to support your child or which methods to use. If you would like to learn more about how we teach maths and how to help your child, we hope that you are able to join us at our maths workshop next week.

Tuesday 3rd October: Y5 and Y6



Autumn Bake Sale – Friday 13th October



The PTA will be holding a bake sale in the playground on Friday 13th October.

Any homemade donations need to be clearly labelled with any allergens and names on boxes, please.

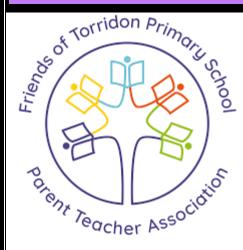
Shop bought donations welcome too.

Donations to be handed in on the day of the sale.

Volunteers to help with the sale to be available from 2pm on Friday 13th.

Thank you

PTA Committee Election



Thanks to Ollie Fisher, Ruth Webster, and Megan Wybrew for volunteering to lead the PTA as charity trustees. Please take a moment to <u>submit our form</u> to confirm their election. We are still looking for people to help organise events and oversee special projects. Find out about what's involved <u>here</u>. Questions or suggestions? Get in touch at <u>friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

Chess Set Donation

We have had a record number of children joining chess club and showing an interest in playing the game at playtimes and lunchtimes. If you have an old chess set at home that you no longer use, we would greatly appreciate you donating it to the school. Please send any sets to the main office.



Thank you

Lewisham Foodbank

Lewisham Foodbank are asking for our help as they respond to the cost of living crisis.

Please bring any donations of food or essentials to the school offiice.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



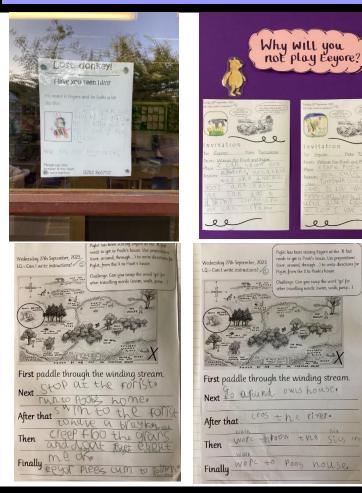
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Reception Learning

In reception, we have been reading 'The Colour Monster' and have been exploring all the different emotions we can feel. We have lots of good ideas of how we can manage our big feelings. Some children have been creating their own colour monsters too!



Year 1 Writing



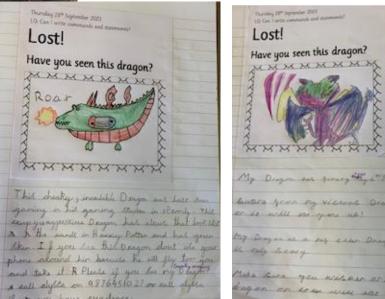
Year 1 have been learning how to write sentences using capital letters and full stops. As part of our Winnie the Pooh learning, this week, Eeyore went missing. We created 'Missing Donkey' posters, wrote invitations and made a set of instructions to encourage Eeyore to come and play with us. Have you seen him? We hope he visits us soon!



Year 2 Writing

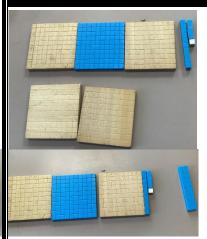


This week, Year 2's pet dragons have all gone missing. In order to find them, we have created 'Lost Posters' which included detailed descriptions of what they look like and their likes and dislikes.

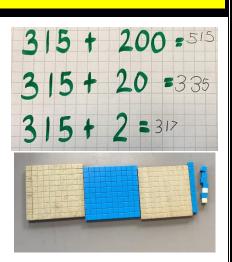


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Year 3 - Maths



In Year 3, we have been exploring adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s from 3-digit numbers. The children enjoyed using practical resources to support their learning.



Year 4 - RE

In year 4 RE lessons, we have been learning about the Hindu festival of light – Diwali. We learnt about the different activities that Hindus take part in during this festival. We made beautiful Rangoli patterns using chalks and pastels.

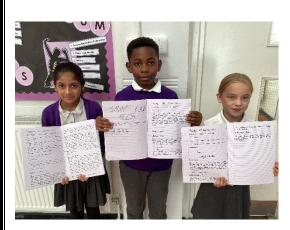








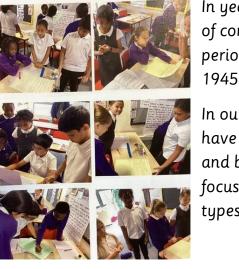
Year 5 - English



Year 5 have been exploring persuasive techniques this week. They have been writing a leaflet to convince the reader to visit London!

5C started their swimming lessons at Glassmill this week and have been enjoying their sessions!

Year 6 - English



In year 6,we have been using the skills of comparison to compare different time periods affected by war - WWII 1939-1945 and the Ukraine/Russia conflict.

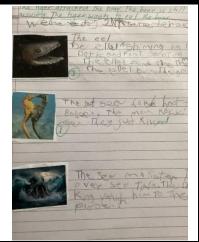
In our writing lessons this week, we have worked collaboratively to share and build on each others ideas focusing on the use of varied sentence types.

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Resource Base – Blue Pathway



This week we have been learning about sea creatures. We have made an aquarium filled with sharks, fish, stingrays and sea monsters. We are using this to inspire our writing about sea life.



Resource Base – Green Pathway



This week, we have continued to learn about tigers and their habitats. We worked in pairs to make jungle shoeboxes by painting, colouring, cutting and sticking. All of the children joined in so well and were very proud of their finished learning.



Article 3: Best interests of the child



'The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.'

This week we explored Article 3, we had a discussion about decision making. We talked about who makes decisions for us and how these decisions can affect us. We also thought about how everyone in Torridon Primary School helps to keep us safe in the classroom and around the playground.

Theme Menu



MAINS Cosmic Beef or Veggie Burger Space Race Mac n Cheese

SIDES

Man on the Moon Wedges Sweetcorn & Peas

DESSERT

Choco Mallow Crater Cake or Milky Way Yoghurt With Meteor Fruit Platter

5 Choice Salad Bar, Cool Water, Organic Milk & Freshly Baked Bread also available e offer medical diet and allergen support, please speak to your school office in the first instan If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on Thursday 4th October, please email <u>admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk</u>

Please remember that school meals are free to all children from Reception to Year 6.





Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason				
Nursery FT	Johannah	For always having good manners and being kind to your friends. Well done, Johannah 🐵				
Nursery AM	Lakhveer	For settling so well into Nursery. Well done, Lakhveer 😳				
Nursery PM	Ivy-Rae	For being kind and sharing with your friends. Well done, Ivy-Rae 🕄				
Blue Class	Shiloh	For being a great role model and always following instructions, going				
		above and beyond to help others!				
Red Class	Tabitha	For her fantastic efforts to write her name! Well done Tabitha 🐵				
Yellow Class	Thaarani	For always being kind and helpful to others. Well done for being such a				
		fantastic role model!				
1M	Zico	For his positive attitude to learning and for always doing the right thing.				
		Zico shows enthusiasm and is eager to share his brilliant ideas with the				
		class. Keep it up! 😳				
1N	Mohana	For coming to school with a positive attitude and for always doing her				
		best in her learning. She sets a great example to her classmates. 😂				
1W	Darcey	For working hard on her writing this week. She has shown good listening				
	_	in phonics lessons and is making progress in her spelling 🐵				
2S	Oliver	For settling in so well to 2S! Well done Oliver! 🚳				
2SW	Prince	For settling in so well to 2SW! Well done Prince! 🚳				
2V	Mario	For using adventurous vocabulary and conjunctions in his writing. Well				
		done Mario! 🐵				
ЗA	Faiza	For showing perseverance with their learning. Well done, Faiza. 🕄				
3G	Marek	For settling in so well to 3G! Well done Marek! 🕄				
35	Rhonelle	For being a positive role model to others. Well done for working so hard				
		and for encouraging others to follow your lead.				
4A	Anaila	For showing aspiration and excellence by trying her best in all of her				
		learning.				
4L	Amahlia	for her effort in writing her letter and outstanding behaviour; always				
		being ready to learn.				
4S	Sasha	For her enthusiastic and hardworking attitude to learning and for				
		showing such an eagerness to improve and do her very best.				
5C	Aksa	For making good progress in swimming this week. Well done!				
5L	Mahalia	For always putting in 100% effort in everything that she does with a smile! Well done				
FC	Adelina					
5S	Adelina	For being a valuable member of the class community and always trying her very best! Well done!				
6A	Macs	For being an excellent role model for our class and school community,				
0/1	Tracs	who treats everyone with respect and has a great attitude towards his				
		learning. Really proud!				
6C	Sukhmani	For being such a respectful and helpful member of our class community.				
		You always use your initiative — well done!				
6L	Reyhan	For always demonstrating the values of respect and excellence, as well a				
		taking pride in all areas of his learning. Well Done!				
RB Blue	Lotanna	Well done for having a great attitude to your learning this week.				
RB Green	Victory	Well done for trying your best with all your learning this week and				
		joining in with whole class activities.				

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2 nd October	Year 3 Trip – Lewisham Walk				
	Launch of Black History Month				
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.00 – Year 5 and 6 Maths information session for parents and carers				
	Mental Health Awareness Day				
Tuesday 10 th October	Year 4 visit to Museum of London Docklands				
Tuesday 10 October	Parent and carer open evening				
	All day - Y5/6 Boys and Girls Football Tournament				
Wednesday 11th October	Parent and carer open evening				
Thursday 12 th October	Individual, sibling and class photographs				
Friday 12th October	2:15pm - Resource Base sensory afternoon				
Friday 13 th October	3.15pm – PTA Autumn Bake Sale				
Monday 23 rd — Friday 27 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY				
Wednesday 1 st November	Flu Immunisation (Year 1 to Year 6)				
Week Beginning 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week				
Tuesday 14 th November	Korky Paul – illustrator visit				
Wednesday 15 th November	Resource Base to Panathlon Sports Festival				
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need				
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 2 trip to London Zoo				
Friday 24 th November	INSET DAY				
Week beginning 4 th December	Whole school assessment week				
Tuesday 5 th December	Resource Base trip — Bowling Festival				
Thursday 7 th December	School Disco				
Monday 11 th Decemeber	Whole school art exhibition				
	Y3/4 Athletics Tournament				
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole school art exhibition				
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Wednesday 13 th December	Y5/6 Athletics Tournament				
Thursday 14 th December	9.00 Year 1 Christmas assembly				
	2.45 Year 2 Christmas assembly				
Friday 15 th December	9.00 Year 3 Christmas assembly				
	2.45 Year 4 Christmas assembly				
Monday 18 th December	9.00 Year 5 Christmas assembly				
	2.45 Year 6 Christmas assembly				
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas jumper day				
	Christmas Lunch				
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term — 2pm finish				
Thursday 21 st December to Friday 5 th	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY				
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Monday 8 th January	First day of spring term				



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Lewisham Autism Support



LEWISHAM AUTISM SUPPORT

Support for families of children with a diagnosis of autism living in Lewisham

What we offer:

- 1-hour clinic appointment with experienced Family Support Coordinators who provide support for parents/carers in:
 - Understanding more about autism.
 - Information about accessing local services and benefits.
- For families resident in Lewisham, access to ongoing support (Comeback Service).
- A drop-in service at Kaleidoscope on the first Monday of each month (term-time only) 10.00 – 12.00.

How to access our service:

- Paediatricians and other Kaleidoscope diagnosing teams can automatically refer families after diagnosis. This includes families diagnosed at Kaleidoscope but living in other boroughs. These families will receive an initial 1-hour clinic only.
- We accept referrals from other professionals working with diagnosed children living in the borough.
- Families of diagnosed children can also self-refer.

Contact details:

- Tel: 020 8699 3066
- Email: <u>lewisham.familysupport@nas.org.uk</u>

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

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SCARCE INFORMATION

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