

7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

# Topaz newsletter

Dear All,

Another week gone with lots of fun in Topaz class.

## Learning this week

We have been interested in repeating patterns this week. We have all had a go at using 2 colours and some of us have challenged ourselves with more repeating colours.



We have also been practising our counting of objects making sure that our counting finger touches one thing at a time as we count. This can be especially tricky with larger groups of objects.

We also started to look at some letters. Details are in your purple books. The sheets given at and after the literacy evening have the actions or this link might help. We haven't used the songs in school but you might like them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1he7WQ0N-M>

## Trip to Redwood

On Tuesday we have our first Topaz adventure!

I will talk the children through the routine on Monday with photos of previous visits so that they know what to expect. They will need to wear clothes that can get muddy. **No school uniform at all needed.** They will need to be able to manage in the toilets so leggings or joggers are a good idea. If they have waterproofs at home, please can they wear these on top. If not, we will put waterproof trousers on them before we go. They can wear the wellies we have in school for them. There will be time to change before the coach arrives. If you drop off as usual, we will get organised. You might have ordered a packed lunch from the kitchen or they might be bringing their own. We will also take a fruit snack but not milk. We will be back for you to pick up as usual.

We have always had a fabulous time there in the past, so I can't wait to share our photos.

## Open afternoons

Your first chance to share your child's journal is on Monday or Thursday at 3pm.

Come to the front door please. You will need to sign in and then when we pack up at 3.20 to go home, you can sign out and meet us in the playground to go home. We very much look forward to it!

Kind regards,

*Sally Windmill*