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## Topaz News

Dear All,

Welcome back to term 4.

### Learning

Our learning environment is changing gradually as we thaw into Spring. We are still keen to watch the birds from our bird hide and the book corner has a new story telling focus. We are looking forward to sharing lots of lovely stories this term.

We have been story mapping Jack and the Beanstalk to help us to tell the story. We have been concentrating on using story language and speaking clearly as we tell the story. This is harder than it sounds without stopping to um and ah about what comes next; try it at home! We have linked our personal and social learning with the story by thinking about how Jack would feel at different points of the story. We will continue with learning based on this story next week.

We have been having lots of fun with our physical development exercises this week. Ask your child to show you their scarf trick. The scarf is in the bookbag and the explanation of their trick is in the blue book; enjoy!

### Next week

We have two exciting events as well as our usual class learning to look forward to next week: On Monday, we are taking part in extreme dodgeball which is part of our year of sport and physical development. The children will wear their usual PE kits for this. If your child does not have shorts as part of their kit, please send some as they will need them this term.

Later in the week we have book day when they can dress as any book character. When they choose their outfit please guide them to something that they can manage in the toilet and it is a PE day too. They also need to wear a coat with their costume as they will still be out at playtime.

### Safer Internet

We use a laptop, learnpad and ipad to support our learning in the classroom so we remind children regularly about keeping safe when they are using things that they could get onto the internet with. If your child has access to devices at home, this is something that needs to be part of your discussions with them. You might like to look at the link below:

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks1/sourcesDuck/projet/DigiDuck-eBook.pdf>



Kind regards,

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