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## Topaz News

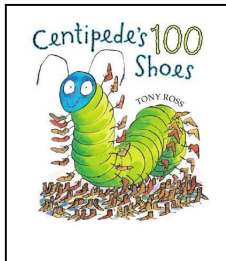
Dear All,

This term is just zooming along! Thank you for the boxes, tubes and containers. Some of the children have already started to put them to good use.

### Learning

We have completed our first mini-outcome in our new project 'Who has super powers?' We have all designed, painted and written a description for our imaginary bog creature. These are being displayed in the goldmine room so that we can share them with you when you come for open afternoon. It is wonderful to see our skills coming along.

Our next mini-outcome is about mini-beasts so we have talked about what we know already and have some questions that we would like to find out. Did you know that woodlice have 14



legs and are part of the same family as crabs and lobsters? We found this out just this week. I am sure the children would like to look in some books at home to find out more facts. We have a non-fiction program on our class laptop and the children are linking their sentence skills by writing fact sheets. This will continue next week.

Centipede's 100 Shoes has offered us some mathematical thinking. **You could help at home by counting in 2s.**

Next week we will be reading a rhyming story with a long creature character.

### Ruby and sapphire powers

We have introduced two new gem powers this week. We get ruby power if we are kind towards others with our words and actions around learning. We build sapphire power if we learn to ignore our monster distractions. We are also reminding children to take responsibility for their belongings and solve problems to build diamond power. We really want to dazzle Dr. Tom when he returns on 13.7. Remember to put the date in your diary so that you can come along and listen to him!

### Parent share

Thank you for your parent share pictures. They are really adding another dimension to our learning journals and discussions with the children. Please keep them coming. Writing down exactly what your child says as they do something adds to the pictures too.

### Helping at home

Please remember to look in the **blue books** for activities that will help with reading and try to get at least 5 reading activities in during the week. Your child will really benefit.

Thank you for your brilliant support,

Sally Windmill