

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

# Topaz newsletter

Dear All,

This week has gone by so quickly. We are doing an amazing job of settling into school. Thank you for coming along to the literacy evening. It was lovely to see so many of you.

## Learning this week



This week we have used puzzle making to work on our stick-ability, team-work and self-belief. Some of us found our puzzle a challenge but we pulled together as a team and felt really proud when we had completed them. At home you could encourage sticking with a puzzle or game until it is completed to build stick-ability and attention skills.

We have had lots of fun building our physical skills as we discussed on Wednesday. We have been working on our midline crossing and shoulder pivots especially this week. I will send some exercises for home learning next week. As I explained this is **really** important for learning to write.

Miss Corr was poorly this week so I led us to the woods to make friendship crowns. We loved running around finding special things to stick on for our friend.

There is still time to talk to us about continuing with a part-time plan for the coming weeks. If you think your child is getting very tired it is really worth considering. We don't want them to be so exhausted that it spoils their fun times at school. I'm happy for you to ring, email or come for a chat before Wednesday if possible.

### School lunches

On Monday both groups will come in and stay for lunch. This could be a hot school dinner or packed lunch. We will stay with them while they choose and eat lunch. Pick up at **12.30** in the usual place. On Tuesday and Wednesday pick up is after playtime at **1pm**.

### Harvest and Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Tuesday the other classes will go to the church to celebrate harvest. We won't be going to church or performing at the coffee morning. Please support the coffee morning if you can though.

### Next week is exciting and busy!

We will meet the other half of the class next week so we will need to learn to adjust to the new Topaz.

We will also be talking about traditional stories like the 3 pigs, 3 bears etc. Telling these stories at home would be good to get us ready for this.

We will also be meeting the Play Pals for the first time, seeing our older siblings in the playground and using the Playpod resources.

Please have those discussions at home about allowing siblings to play with their own friends.