

Topaz newsletter



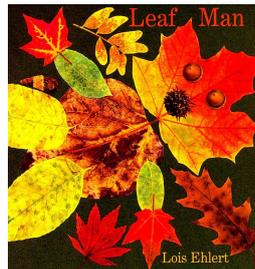
Learning this week

I have been looking at our progress in phonics this week. The children have amazed me! Home learning books will support our next steps. These will be updated at the weekend so will not be in the book bag. We have started to look at digraphs (sounds made by more than one letter). So far we have introduced **sh ch oo** and **ee**

These are not on their key rings yet but we will get the digraphs on there as soon as we can.

Keep practising initial sounds at the same time though because although we recognise them when we are writing lots of us find it really hard to recall the shape of the letter to write it down. Thank you so much with your support with this so far as it really does make a difference.

We have been inspired by the book Leaf Man. We have been using our imaginations to think of different places he might like to go. Children have been writing, drawing and even making maps about it. When we wanted to paint him we needed to learn how to make different shades of orange and brown. We tried lots of different shades and were really curious about all of the changes.



In maths we have carried on developing our counting and number ordering skills

Keeping warm outside

Please send warm clothes that can get muddy on Wednesdays for forest skills. Half of the children go each week so if they didn't go this week, it will be them next week. Miss Corr is also keen to have a helper with DBS clearance to help make Christmas decorations using tools in the woods from the first Wednesday in December. Let me know if you can help out.

Other dates for this term:

Topaz Christmas show: 13.12.2016 9.45

Friends Disco: 13.12.2016

Christmas Sale: 9th December (after school)

Coffee morning (we sing during this): 16th December am

Other things..

Send in chocolate for tombola and/or prizes for the draw to support the Friends.

There will be an opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper to school before the end of term. This could be one that you have decorated but you might like to plan for it.