



Topaz News

Our classroom was transformed into a winter wonderland over the weekend. We have a reading igloo, a new low platform table, lots of soft and fluffy textures and loads of floaty snowflakes. We listened to Vivaldi's winter music while we looked at our new environment.



Of course, snowmen have been popular at the painting table. In maths we have learnt the skill of measuring with cubes so we have linked this by measuring how tall they are before adding them to our snowy display. The tallest at the moment is 18 cubes high! There will be more measuring opportunities next week.

At home you can help us by reinforcing the language of measure by developing the vocabulary tall, tallest, short, shortest, long, longest.

Our number focus has been counting on from any number. For this they need to recall the next number quickly. You can practise this at home using the number keyring. Ask the children to show you the number you would count after.... You could also ask which number comes just before. This will develop their place value skills

In writing this week we have been talking lots about using the sounds that we can hear and the features of a list. Lists have been written in lots of areas of the classroom. If you are supporting writing at home remember to let the children chop through those words and use the sounds they can hear. This will help them to become independent writers much sooner than by copy writing.

Next Friday there is a **journal share at 3pm** (8.30am is not the correct time) Try to come along and be amazed by our progress in our journals.

After school next Friday will be the school fair. We will be trying to raise some money to extend our range of inside and outside building equipment. We would like some big wooden building blocks for outside building and to extend our range of magnetic Polydron inside, so please support us by visiting our stall. The children will be making things for it this week.

On the following Thursday, **7th December**, we will perform our nativity play. The words for the songs are in the home learning books this weekend. We need to know these for the start of next week so that we can start to put the play together.

Many thanks for your support, *Sally Windmill*