

Topaz News

Dear All,

You know summer is around the corner when you start practising for Sports Day! We have been practising running within the track lines, balancing eggs on spoons and doing a relay race. We can't wait to show you.



Our interest in small creatures has continued and our caterpillars got bigger and bigger and finally made their cocoons to go to sleep. We are hoping that they stay asleep until we get back from half term. In preparation for their release, we have been using our scientific eye to draw butterflies to make them feel at home.



We have continued with our role play as jungle explorers this week. We have been using maps and globes to look at places we might visit and writing about the small creatures we find when we are there.



Jigsaw Jenie wanted us to think about times when we have felt angry this week. We shared our thoughts and she had a link to a new calming down strategy that we really like called finger breathing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2U3iBJonmU>

We have continued to explore the number bonds to 10 with the Number blocks this week. This is the link. It has a good rhyme to help us remember our bonds. Keep playing the game from last week to embed this knowledge in the long term memory. It is a great foundation for so many number concepts later on.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bn5k6h/numberblocks-series-3-ten-again>

I have been amazed with the progress made with recall of bonds using their rhyme. Playing the ten frame game linked last week will also help.

Reading and phonics



There are new activities in the purple books. Try your very best for the last 5 times a read before Thursday next week

Next week

It is the last week of term again! We will continue to practise for Sports Day.

Kind regards, *Sally Windmill*

