



## Topaz News

Dear All,

This week has whizzed by and it is beginning to feel like we have been a class for ages. We have been doing lots of activities this week to get to know the children better.

We have had playtime with our Y1 bubble friends which was really exciting for some children who met up with old nursery friends again.



There has been a lot of interest in bugs



We have started to explore repeated patterns

At home you can encourage making repeating patterns with lego. 2 colours to start, then get more complex. You can also use a whole host of other items. Children can develop important skills that build towards reading, spelling and maths through patterning.



### Next week



I am really excited for us to join together as one class next week. Our day will be from 9.30am until 1.30pm. Lunch will be at 12.30 after we have had a play with our Y1 bubble friends in the playground. I will stay with them to make sure that we are all enjoying the new experience and help out if needed. If you are packing a lunch we encourage healthy eating and make sure that the children can get into any containers or packets. You might find this website useful:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/top-tips-healthy-packed-school-lunch>

The school menu is available on the school website under the parent tab. I believe we will be back to week 1 next week.

### Following weeks

After next week our time will be 8.45am until 3pm.

If you think your child is not going to be ready for this then please email me early next week. We might be able to meet to discuss or I can advise by email. You know your child better than anyone and we want this next step to carry on being a lovely positive experience that they will remember fondly when they are all grown up.

Warm regards, *Sally Windmill*

