



Topaz News

Dear All,

We had an amazing day out at Redwood. The children were so excited to go on a bus adventure together. I was so proud of them all. Many thanks to my staff and our helpers who helped to make our day possible and enjoyable. We walked and ran in the woods, rolled down the hill, balanced and climbed on the big logs, looked for creatures and built dens.



Back in class we have a Santa Land role play so we have been busy training to be good elves. They need to be able to write and read lists and do lots of counting.

Our advent calendar is an outdoor adventure calendar. This week we have needed to look for and name at least 3 birds, hug a tree and make a stick character. Of course, we had to read *Stick Man* as well. This is one of our favourite books and we are very good at joining in with the repeated refrains.

Phonics and reading

Phonics

This week we have introduced the sounds ch and sh

These are single sounds made by two letters together. I will post the phase 3 sounds on Evidence Me as these are part of that group. We continue to work on segmenting and blending. If your child is writing at home, please encourage them to segment the word and write the sounds they hear.

Please record all sounds and reading practise in yellow book. That way I can see all of their reading records together rather than having to look in different places.

Next Week

We will be practising songs and rhymes ready for our singing show on the 15th. We will be selling refreshments.

Look out for the Christmas disco in the final week and our party will be on Tuesday 14th in the afternoon. A plate of party treats will be needed for this just for your child to eat.

Warm regards, *Sally Windmill*

