



Topaz News

Letters and Sounds

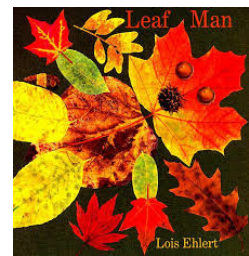
This week's sounds are in the red books. You will also find a phonic key ring with all of the initial sounds. Your support to practise will be much appreciated and help us on our journey in reading and writing next term.

Learning



We went on a leaf hunt and started to look identify similarities and differences in different types. This will continue after half term so you might like to go on a leaf hunt in half term.

Back in the classroom we shared the story of Leaf Man who was blown to lots of places in the wind. We have been making up and telling each other Leaf People stories through the rest of the week. He has even met a shark made of leaves under a leafy sea! We are authors in the making!



Marvellous mathematicians



Starting with a counting challenge called 'ten special things' we have been exploring 10. This works on lots of levels from practising counting in order and accurately, through to number bonds to 10 and finding lots of ways that 10 can be made up. This will continue after the holidays so you could make your own collections of 10 at home to support. Encourage counting accurately, talk about how many of each thing they have in each collection of 10. The link is a counting song. You could extend it to any number. They loved it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGL7xYEVeaY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkrZBsOlt3k> This is the midline cross link that lots of you asked for too.

After half term

We will be going on the **Life Bus** on the first day back. We will learn about ways to keep make healthy life choices. As part of our follow up we will be trying fruits and vegetables. Let me know if your child can't do this.

On Tuesday we will be off to **Redwood**. No uniform needed; layers of clothes including waterproofs from home if possible. If you don't have any they can take ours but I don't fancy washing 24 sets! I ma hoping for lots of mud so we might need a long soak in the bath when we get back.

Dr. Tom Robson will visit school on Wednesday. He will spend some time talking to us about gem power. Please, please come along in the evening to listen to him. He inspired lots of us as parents on his previous visit.

2Build a Profile

It would be lovely to be able to share pictures of what the children have been doing in the holidays in the classroom. If you can send a picture or two through 2build or email, we will use them for discussion on the first day back.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to lots more fun next term. Warmest regards,

Sally Windmill