



Topaz News

Dear All,



We have been finding out about Diwali this week. Lots of us have been interested in the 10 headed character in the story of Rama and Sita and we have even learnt some dance moves that we will be using on the classroom stage next week. Ask your child if they can tell you about rangoli patterns, divas and Rama and Sita.

We have also been out collecting and counting leaves and on Thursday morning in our forest session we collected lots of leaves to make into a giant class poppy to sit near as we observed the one minute silence.

In maths we have been using Hungarian 10 frames. The link below will tell you more about how it will help us build number sense and has a video showing a game that you could play at home.

<https://spotonwithnumbers.co.uk/hungarian-number-frame>

Our forest session worked well on Thursday morning, so we will continue with that next week. My management day is Friday so from now I will plan the day but spend it in my office which is very close to the classroom so I will still see the children and be on hand to answer any queries. Miss Johns and Mrs Sutherland will be with the children supporting another teacher.

Phonics and reading

Phonics

This week we have been looking at the sounds that we now know. You will have a picture of this on Evidence Me. In our class sessions we have been looking at blending words.

We use an online reading system called Bug Club. Your log in to this has been sent via Evidence Me. Please try out the link and see that it works. Let me know if there are any problems. You will find a book to use there.

Uniform policy

A couple of reminders regarding the uniform policy. Hairbands and ribbons need to be blue or black. PE joggers and shorts need to be navy or black. School shoes must be worn on days when we do not have PE and nail varnish must only be worn at home.

Warm regards, *Sally Windmill*

