

Topaz News

Dear All,

I have been so proud of the children coming into school this week. They have embraced the change and seem to be enjoying their independence in getting to the classroom. Well done children!

As you know I had planned to continue with traditional tales for a few weeks but the children have shown great curiosity in small creatures so we are taking a diversion to follow their interest. To start this off we have found out some interesting facts about woodlice, spiders and ladybirds. Ask your child if they can remember how many legs they have. This has linked nicely with what we learnt about doubles inside numbers before the holiday as we have needed to know this when we are painting and drawing. In our forest session we made stick creatures and homes for bugs. Next week we will continue to find out things about minibeasts.



The Numberblocks have been encouraging us to count to 20 this week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006s5q/numberblocks-series-4-i-can-count-to-twenty>

From this we have been making sure we can count accurately to 20. If your child can count up, try counting back as well. They have also explored arranging blocks in different ways to look at counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and even 4's and found out about the problem with 3's.

Reading and phonics

It's time to get back to reading at least 5 times a week. We will start the certificates again next week so please record each time you share the book at home so that we can record it. I know I keep saying it, but home practise is so important to us right now. Please help your child.

Forest Fridays return

Now that I am planning the forest sessions again, it fits our weekly timetable much better to have a forest session on a Friday afternoon. Please bring appropriate clothing to match the weather so hopefully as time goes on we might need a sunhat, but at the moment we probably need a jumper and hat still!

Sun cream

We don't have sun cream in school as it can be a messy business and children can be allergic to other childrens' creams. There are good brands available that are long lasting. Please check labels as some brands have changed ingredients.

Kind regards, *Sally Windmill*

