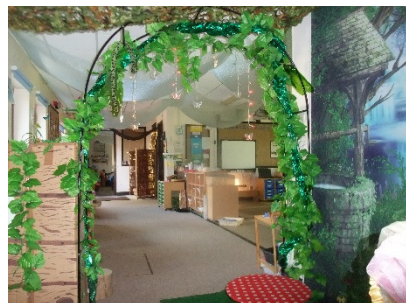




## Topaz News

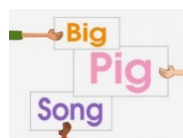
Dear All,

Welcome to Topaz! You have all been amazing this week and I am so proud of the way the children are settling.



Newsletters are available online every Friday. I have asked a kind parent to post on the Facebook page. They are an excellent way to find out about what we have been learning. I will also tell you about how to support learning from home and make you aware of what is happening in the wider school community.

**We have had such fun exploring our inside and outside learning environments!**



We have been talking about rhyming words this week. We have shared some rhyming stories and love singing rhyming songs. You might like to look at our favourite song at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOu-QkmlnKc>

Playing rhyming games at home will also support this learning.

Developing our physical skills is always a priority at this time of year. This dance has also been a favourite.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpdZu4OK6GU>

## Curriculum evening

If you can come along on **Thursday 21.9 at 7pm** I will be able to share more photos with you and explain how the learning will develop. We use **2Build a Profile** as a tool to help us with observations. They have an option for parents accept observations to an email account and to send pictures and videos back to the children's online journals. I will explain more on **Thursday evening** but this weekend you will be asked to accept an invitation to join; follow the link. I aim to talk about how you can help from home with lots of areas of the curriculum and this will include phonics, reading and writing. Working in partnership with home is really important to us and will have a huge impact on progress so please come along.

## Houses

As you know we have four houses in school. They draw on the history of the village for their names.

Weavers are yellow

Brewers are green

Archers are blue

Potters are red

We are having a shield made for each house so the children have a design sheet in their book bag so that they can be included.

## Housekeeping

- Send a named water bottle each day
- Backpacks are not needed now that we have a book bag because we have limited space on the pegs
- Your child needs a pair of joggers or leggings to wear under waterproofs when we go to the woods. If you haven't sent any yet, please send in next week

## Dates for your diary

**21.9** curriculum evening for Topaz 7pm (about an hour)

We will have regular times for you to come and share your child's learning. The first two are on **17.10** and **1.12** at 3-3.30pm

Tom Robson **1.11** in the evening (more information later)

Christmas celebration **7.12** 9.30-11.30

Kind regards,

*Sally Windmill*

