

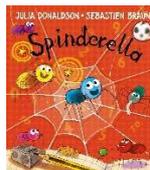
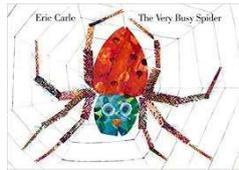


Topaz News

This week

Thanks to track and trace it has been another very interesting week in teaching. However, the children have been amazing as usual and took to being taught on Microsoft Teams very well! Combined with pictures and videos from Ms Johns and Mrs Dicken on Evidence Me, I have managed to keep up to date with the goings on of Topaz classroom.

Thank you for the half term pictures. The children enjoyed sharing their experiences and we linked it to a spidery theme. We shared Walter's Web, The Busy Spider and Spinderella and linked our maths with the number 8.



With the intention of building mathematical curiosity and deeper understanding we have looked at 8 in lots of different ways.

We have made towers with cubes, found collections of 8 items from around the classroom, explored pieces of Numicon that make 8. Some people have even carried on exploring 8 at home which has been wonderful to see!



At home you might like to catch up with Octoblock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QA7iJSlxQZk>

Perhaps you could make your own number 8 collections at home?

Phonics

We have now introduced all of the sounds in phase 2 of Letters and Sounds. Your child's next steps within the phase will be sent to you via Evidence Me. BBC Bitesize has a set of videos for the sounds and words in this phase.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2yf4j>

On Monday we have a virtual visitor to talk to us about keeping safe near roads. It is called 'Holding Hands'

Our Jigsaw PHSE theme this term is Celebrating Difference. This week in assembly (on Teams) I talked about how unique and special each of us is and that we should be proud to be different. Next week in circle time the children will take turns to talk about what they are good at so perhaps you could have a think with your child to prepare them.

We also had a firework safety assembly this week and next week we will be thinking more about fireworks so if you have any pictures, please send them.

Once again, thank you so much for your brilliant support. Take care, keep safe and well,

Sally Windmill

