



# Topaz Newsletter

The final week of term has been very, very busy for everyone in Topaz class. The children have been amazing this week. They have completed their first Christmas play and performed it to both you and the rest of the school. This week the children have continued their Christmas learning. We have been learning about how to be elves and create lists, ordering numbers and much more. On Thursday the children enjoyed their Christmas parties. They all had big smiles on their faces.

## Christmas Holidays:

- We would like everyone in Topaz Class to have a wonderful time over the holidays and wish all your families a merry time.
- Over the holidays it would be super if the children could practice their phonics and read their books 5 times a week. We understand this is a busy period but continuous practice of this will develop the children's learning and allow them to progress.
- Other things that you could do over the holidays can be found on the home learning sheets. Anything that generally uses the children's fine and gross motor skills will help them to develop their letter formation. Any drawings and writing will also support the children's learning.

## Phonics and Reading:

- We have started our phase 3 phonics, and these have been going home in the children's purple books.
- To help the children with their learning it is important that they read 5 times a week. Through reading 5 times a week the children's reading will develop as they learn how to read with fluency.

## Key Dates:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Inset Day
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – Term 3 Starts

We wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year 😊

Mr Keeping

