



Topaz Newsletter

What a great week we have had in Topaz. This week we have been learning more about space. We have also been learning all about the Smeds and the Smoos as the aliens who stole our underpants, met them as well!

Rockets at home:

- As we are now into our space project, we thought we would extend the opportunity for you to make a rocket at home with your child. This will be a wonderful opportunity for some craft at home that can then be brought in to show to the other children. If we then have enough rockets from home, we can hang them from the ceiling in our classroom for all the children to see.

Diary Dates:

- We have a few important dates come up for parents in Topaz class.
- Journal Share – we will be hosting another journal share on Monday 5th February so the children can show everything that they have been learning over the past term. This will be 15:00-15:30 and we will let you in from the front office.
- Parent English Meeting – We will be holding another English meeting as discussed in the last meeting to let you know about the progress in early reading and how this can be supported at home. This meeting will be of huge benefit to all, and we encourage everyone to attend where possible. The date for this will be Thursday 8th February 14:30-15:30.

Fine motor at home:

- We are often asked how we can support children at home in ways other than phonics and reading. One thing that will help support all children is through building fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are the muscles in the fingers that help with all forms of learning.
- To help grow these skills at home there are many things that can be done. One idea is to play dough disco at home. These are short YouTube videos that can be watched once a day to help build finger muscles in children, or anything that uses the fingers such as drawing, baking and painting.

Recycling & Junk modelling:

- Over the next few weeks, we will be starting a junk modelling project. As part of this we ask that the children can collect a long tube such as that from kitchen roll (please no toilet rolls). We will be using these to make rockets so if anyone has any spare, please do send these in as well.

We look forward to another amazing week in Topaz Class.

Mr Keeping

