



## Topaz News

Dear All,



There has been lots of model making in class this week. We use our drawing and writing to make a plan first, just like all good engineers and make a label to say what we have made afterwards. Some people have just started to be interested in making their models with boxes.

Alongside this we are learning shape names. Lots of us are familiar with 2D shape names like circle, square, rectangle and triangle but not so sure about 3D names cube, cone, cuboid, cylinder. You can help by

using this language at home. Sorting the tin cupboard is always a good place for practising these!

### **Reading**

I have now introduced all of the sounds that we will be using for a while. There is a list of these in the yellow books. It is a good idea to revisit these regularly as we need to recall them very quickly for reading and writing. You will know which ones your child is working on. If they have gaps with single sounds, work on these first. The video explaining the sounds made by two letters or more is now working on Evidence Me.

Hopefully, you now have a routine for some daily practise whether this is a sit down session at home or on the move. This time will be a real gift for your child in their journey to literacy. I have added some ideas for daily learning into the yellow books too.

Following most recent research about reading, we need to change the mind-set around re-reading books so that we celebrate how wonderful it is when they are reading the book fluently. We are aiming for fluent reading with expression from all of the books whatever level. If they have a wordless book this also builds reading skills and we are aiming for fluent talk with expression about the book.

We will be celebrating our first 5 times a week reading today so don't forget to write in the yellow book each day you practise sounds, read their reading books, share another book.

### **Keeping safe**



Thank you for supporting us in keeping Topaz class open by doing your lateral flow testing daily. We wish those who are poorly with one thing and another a speedy recovery.

### **Next week**

**Forest on Wednesday afternoon**

**RSPB Big Bird Watch week**

Warm regards, *Sally Windmill*

