

## **Topaz News**

Dear All,

It has been lovely to catch up with you at parent teacher meetings and journal shares. There will be more opportunities for sharing your child's learning in the summer terms. The children loved it and they are already keen to include more things for you to see next time!

We are still loving traditional stories in Topaz this week. There have been many more retellings of stories, paintings, drawings and writing. Mrs Williams and Miss Clark were blown away with the level of understanding and engagement they saw when they came to see us in our learning environments inside and outside. Throughout the rest of the school there will be a project changeover at the start of term 5, but in EYFS we follow the lead of the children so as we changed over a couple of weeks ago, we will continue with more stories after Easter. Next week we will also be thinking about Easter, eggs and nests.

It was our last forest session with Mr Brooks this week. We ended our 8 weeks with a fire and we toasted marshmallows and popped popcorn. It was a lovely afternoon. We will continue with our Welly Wednesdays but I will take up the lead of these again.



In maths we have been looking at doubles. This is the link to this week's episode:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08q4jkq/numberblocks-series-2-double-trouble>

At home you can encourage recall of doubles up to 10. Use items to double as a visual help if needed. **Reading**

As you know, we are now working on our new phonic system, Unlocking Letters and Sounds. This takes us through remembering sounds, reading tricky words, blending, segmenting and writing every day. It also includes an element of echo reading so I read something, then the children read the same sentence. I have been very impressed with the progress with reading this week. Thank you for supporting from home with your 5 times a week practise.

### **Parent/teacher meetings**

If you are hoping to join meetings from two different places, check that you have the right links with the office as there have been a few hiccups with this.

Warmest regards,

Sally Windmill

