



## Topaz News

### This week

It has been amazing to have the children back in class. We have been spending some time getting used to being around each other again and trying out some areas of the room that we hadn't quite had time for such as the space rocket. We have also loved sharing books, doing PE, planting flowers in our outside areas and making dinosaur lands. In maths we have been revisiting some of the concepts that we started at home like doubling, one more and one less through problem solving.



We have linked space and dinosaurs together with the story 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish' and will continue with this until the end of term. This should give us an opportunity to explore looking after the environment.



### Phonics and Reading

In phonics this week we have revisited sounds to make sure that none of them have an 'u' on the end as this makes it hard to use them to blend and segment. We have also been using our digraphs in reading and writing.

I have had a little think about the best way to manage the paper books and we are going to try giving out a collection of books on **Mondays** and then you can manage your reading through the week. I know I keep saying it but the research around children re-reading books to become fluent readers is so strong now that revisiting books is a real positive.

You will also have phonic skills to work on and tricky words to learn so there is plenty to keep you busy in your 5 times a week reading sessions. Bug Club has been updated this week so all children have books online as well. These will fit with the phonics skills your child is learning in school and have activities to support phonics and comprehension.

Please bring book bags daily so that we can check in with reading when we need to.

### Walking challenge

The Friends of AHS are organising a fund raising walking challenge that fits well with our Jigsaw theme 'Healthy Me'. To fit with dinosaurs we are going to aim to walk to Aust which is a good fossil site and back, 34 miles. More details will come from the Friends of the school.

Warmest regards,

*Sally Windmill*



*A polite reminder that you must wear a mask when on the school site.*

