



Topaz News

Thank you for coming along or sending supporters to share our journals. We feel very proud when we share our learning and I'm sure you can see how we are all making progress.

Learning

We had a Topaz planning meeting before the holidays and the children decided they really wanted to find out about dinosaurs. The classroom environment has been changed in places to accommodate this. We now have a swamp to have adventures in and have lots of questions about dinosaurs that we want to find out about.

We like to get going as soon as possible in the mornings so if you can aim to drop off at 8.50am it would really help, especially on a Thursday as we start to change for PE so that we are ready to get fit and healthy as soon as we have registered.

High 5 reading



Reading at least 5 times a week is promoted throughout the school. Daily reading activities including learning sounds, working on phonic skills and learning keywords as well as reading books, will help us to become more confident and fluent readers and writers. There is a grid in your reading record to complete when you do reading activities at home. We will have a chart in school to track our progress. There will be a series of certificates to work towards while we establish this reading habit.

Aspirations Week

You might have seen the news item about encouraging aspirations for the future making a big difference to outcomes for children. We were lucky enough to have some very interesting visitors this week to tell us about their jobs. We have been thinking about what we might like to do when we grow up.

Trip to Redwood

We are off on our first trip on Thursday. The children do not need to wear any school clothes and need to wear things that could get very muddy. They will need waterproofs on as well. We have some sets in school but if they have their own, it would be useful. They will need to have a spare clothes in a named bag and a plastic bag to put the muddy wellies in for the coach back. They can use their school wellies but if they're using home wellies, will need a spare pair of shoes with their spare clothes.



Over the coming weeks we will be encouraging the very best hand hygiene and talking about stopping germs spreading by coughing into the crease of our arm and catching sneezes in tissues and putting them in the bin.

Thank you for your support, Sally Windmill

