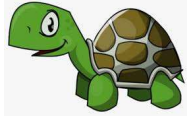




Topaz News

This week

At Alexander Hosea we talk to the children about growing as learners and how tricky things helps their brains to grow inside. Research suggests that children knowing themselves as learners will help them to be the best learner that they can be for now and in the future. We have started with stick-ability (resilience). Sammy our tortoise has been reminding us that it is good to finish one thing before you move onto the next even if it gets tricky on the way.



At home you can support this by encouraging your child to keep trying when they find something tricky. It might be taking their jumper off or doing up their coat.

On the way home ask them when they have needed to use their stick-ability. If they say they found something tricky remind them that it will be good for their brain.

We also talk about problem solving being good for us and things not always being right the first time is great for us when we are learning.



We have a comprehensive PHSE (Personal, Health and Social Education) scheme that runs through the school. We run regular sessions through the week. Each session has a mindful moment when we teach breathing techniques to develop self-regulation. We then have a topic for discussion. This week we have been talking about kind hands and how we can make other people feel with our actions and words.

Parent meetings

For the first time we are holding these on Microsoft Teams. You will be sent a link to a meeting. You need to log in at your time and wait to be admitted from the waiting room. The meeting is intended for us grown-ups so we aren't expecting to see the children on camera on this occasion. If we are mid-conversation after our 10 minute slot we might have to find another time to catch up again. Please allow 5 minutes either side of your time for slight time changes and if you have problems logging on, please email so that we can try to resolve any problems. I look forward to catching up with you.

Phonics

We have continued with our phonic journey this week, introducing some more letters and continuing with some more games.

If you haven't accessed the reading presentation yet, please do then I can answer any questions in our parent meeting. There is a writing presentation for you this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MI6We-RK-uM>

Similarly, if you haven't yet logged into your Bug Club account so that we can iron out any problems now.

Should we ever need to lock down again this will be the only way that I will be able to get reading material to you so it is a vital link between home and school.

Have a great weekend, *Sally Windmill*

