



Topaz News

Dear All,

There has been some amazing learning in Topaz class this week. Mr Keeping has been poorly so I have been the lucky one in class. We have been training to be Santa's elves and they need to know a lot about writing lists, measuring, counting and measuring.



We had a long discussion about the world and got very interested in the globe and all of the places that we know about that Santa will need to visit.

With our paper chains we linked our patterning and used the mathematical words long, longer, longest and short, shorter, shortest.

Some people even counted our loops and compared the numbers to see if the longest had the most loops.

Try this one at home. It was great fun!

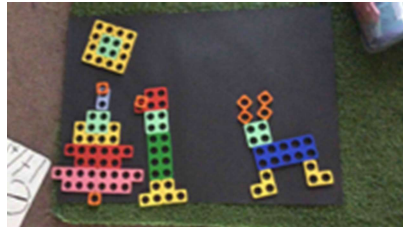
There has also been more snow people painting.





There have also been some fabulous Numicon Christmassy pictures.

Can you see a tree, reindeer, Santa and a reindeer?



Gifts ideas

I'm often asked about gift ideas so here are my suggestions:



These pattern blocks are brilliant for developing spatial awareness.

Scissors, glue and crafting things that are open ended so that they can make things from their imagination are great.

Post-it notes and pens are very popular so a set of post-its from Santa would go down well I'm sure!

Nativity play 11.12.2023



We have loved getting this ready for you. The singing has been amazing. You will be able to come in through the front door after drop off. We will join you to perform as soon as we are in our costumes. The performance is just right for us; not too long. Afterwards they will be able to join you to have a drink and biscuit. We will also be selling our Christmas baubles. I imagine we will round the children up to go back to class around 10.15am. If you need to leave before then, we will look after them.

Any photos taken must only be used for personal use and must not be posted on any social media. This is very important for some of our children.

Other events next week

Wednesday – We will perform our play to the children in school so any siblings and our older friends will see us then.

-Christmas Lunch. The children will go to lunch as usual. There will be crackers provided by the Friends of AHS to make it a little more festive.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper if they would like to

Thursday – We're having a party lunch with a DJ. There will be a disco and games throughout the afternoon too! This has been paid for by FoAHS. Thank you to them!

Please bring a party plate. This is a plastic/ paper plate with a few bits of party food. Cover with foil or something and put a name on top. This will be eaten in the afternoon in addition to their school lunch

Friday – Children’s Christmas jumper/T-shirt/dress day

-We will sing at the coffee morning

- -End of term!

Phonics and reading



We have started Phase 3 sounds this week. The new sounds will be in the purple book and there is a video of actions.

Remember that it is important that we are practising **5 times a week and these need to be recorded in the reading record book.**

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sally Windmill