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## Topaz News

Dear All,

It has been a great week in Topaz this week. We have been to the moon!

### Learning

On Monday we made a space rocket in the classroom and all set off on a guided tour of the universe using the interactive whiteboard to help us with images. We were amazed by the asteroid belt and the size of the craters on the moon! We have used our growing knowledge and vocabulary linked to our new project to other areas of learning. We have continued using a program on the lap-tops to make space pictures and have started to create some collages to have in a gallery when you come to see our learning. I have been so impressed by the conversations about planets, stars and astronauts. We have tried to keep to non-fiction this week before we talk aliens and stories in a couple of weeks. There have also been some interesting rocks and ice eggs to explore in the classroom to help us to be curious and talk about what we find out, just like real astronauts



In maths we have carried on practising counting back from 20 so that we are really fluent with this and have been looking at different ways to find one less and carry out other subtraction sums. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to practise this; perhaps with the number keyring.

### Letters and Sounds

We have continued to learn digraphs this week. All of the sounds we have looked at this year are on a flip out A3 sheet in the home learning book. Being really secure with these pays off with reading and writing. If you are practising writing of sounds, please remember to encourage correct formation as that is also a Topaz mission at the moment.

Put the evening of **2.2.2018** in your diary as a Topaz star gazing event that the children will invite you to. We hope to invite families to have some food, gaze at the stars and wonder at some of our amazing learning.

Many thanks for your support, *Sally Windmill*

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