

# Topaz Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to Year 1 Topaz class. I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and the children are ready to learn! We have an exciting and busy year ahead with lots of different subjects and new topics to look forward to. This newsletter will provide you with a few reminders and an insight into some of the learning happening in our classroom.

### Our Learning

This half term our topic is 'Moon Zoom' where we will be learning all about space and astronauts. This also includes an exciting visit from the Planetarium on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, which we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy.

Maths this term will consist of consolidating numbers to 20, place value and addition and subtraction including number bonds to 10.

As always, phonics is an important part of our day in year 1. Any support at home (including reading) will greatly benefit the children and support their learning in the classroom.

### Home Learning

Every couple of weeks I will be sending home some home learning based on our topic for your child to complete with you. In addition to this, the children will receive packs with the tricky words they are learning to read and spell. It would be very beneficial to their learning if you could practice these with them at home.

After half term we will start using Mathletics and Spellodrome, of which I will send home some more information nearer the time, including their log ins.

### Contact books

The children will continue to bring home contact books each day. These will contain information about their reading books and the reading they have done in school. They will be signed each week in school which would be appreciated if you could do the same.

### Reading books

Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for children to read at home. It is highly recommended that you read with your child frequently throughout the week to support your child's fluency in reading and also help with their phonics. If you could sign the diary to let us know they have

read we will be able to change books appropriately and efficiently. Please feel free to let us know how they are getting on at home with their reading and if there are any words or sounds they are finding particularly difficult so we can support further in school.

## PE

Thank you to all of you who have sent in PE kits already. Our PE lessons are on Thursday and Friday. Please could you ensure that earrings are removed for PE days as we do not want any accidents. Please could also you make sure that all PE clothing items are named as they do sometimes get mislaid. Some of these lessons will be outside, even during the colder months so please make sure your child has the following:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- T-shirt (coloured t-shirts are available from PMG Schoolwear)
- Shorts
- Jogging bottoms (as we hope to get outside before the rain comes!).

This term we will be practicing multiskills and dance.

## Library

On a Tuesday children will have an opportunity to choose a book from the library to take home. These need to be returned by each Tuesday in order to get out a new book.

## Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our annual harvest festival on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. To mark harvest at Knollmead we will be having a special assembly and would like to donate food to a local charity. Therefore, please send your child into school with a small donation, such as tinned food, fruit, vegetables or dried goods such as pasta and rice on ***Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.***

I look forward to an exciting year ahead!  
Miss Richards