

# Topaz Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. We have an exciting and busy term ahead.

### **School Equipment**

Each day your child should bring in a water bottle, their blue book bag with their contact diary and reading book. Letters and information will be placed in pupils book bags to take home. Please ensure you check these so any important information is not missed.

### **Maths and Phonics**

In Maths this term we will be learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past, using tens and ones and using this to help us add and subtract. We will also be consolidating our number bonds to 10 and 20 and practicing our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Phonics will focus on blending our sounds to read both real and made up words, in order to practise for the phonics screening in the summer term. Any extra practice of this at home is, as always, very beneficial to the children's learning and progression in reading.

### **Topic**

This half term our topic is Rio de Vida where will be learning all about Brazil and the Rio de Janeiro carnival. We will learn about the different continents and oceans in the world, designing and making our own instruments and carnival masks ready to create our very own carnival at the end of the half term.

### **Home Learning**

I will continue to set home learning, alternating between a topic based task (which you can chose from on the topic grid) and Mathletic and Spellodrome tasks, which have the same login. There is a home work club running at lunchtimes for those who cannot access these at home and if home learning is not completed the children will be asked to attend.

## **Mathletics and Spellodrome**

Mathletics is a great way for the children to practice and consolidate the concepts we are learning in Maths. The children love collecting points and achieving certificates for all their hard work.

We will start using Spellodrome to practice and learn spelling words in the Year 1 curriculum. Again, the children can earn points through playing games around spelling and using the spelling rules we have learnt in class. The login in for this is the same as that for Mathletics.

## **Reading books**

Reading books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if the book has been read. Please continue to sign the contact diary to show when your child has read. To challenge your child and develop their comprehension skills you can ask the children questions about the story they have read to check their understanding.

## **PE kits**

Your child will need a named PE kit in school on Thursdays and Fridays ready for PE lessons. This includes:

- Coloured T-Shirt for their house group
- Shorts/jogging bottoms
- Plimsoles
- Jumper

If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

I am looking forward to a fun, successful term.

Miss Richards and Miss Price (T/A)

Class Teacher