

# Topaz Class

## Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

We have an exciting year ahead, packed with fun and interesting topics. I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout the year. If there is something that I have missed out of this newsletter, don't hesitate to come in and ask about it. I will endeavour to keep you up-to-date with any changes. Registration starts promptly at 8.50am however I will be available for a quick chat before then. I am also happy to talk after school if you would like more time.

### Reading

The children will continue to progress through the reading colour scheme. It is still incredibly important for the children to enjoy reading and discussing their books with you. To encourage this the class will continue their reading competition- 'Reading Superheroes'. They will be ready for take off soon and instructions for their use will be included.

### Homework

In Year Two the children will be expected to read as regularly as possible and to learn spellings. We will continue to learn spelling patterns and I will keep you informed of what they are. We may spend longer than a week on more complex patterns, therefore spelling tests may be weekly or fortnightly. In Year Two the children will also be expected to learn number facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, pairs of numbers that add or subtract to or from 10 and 20 and halves and doubles of numbers. We have a new online maths homework site called 'My Maths'. You may have found their login letter in their homework folders. I have set two levels of work for them to try but it is fine to complete just one.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. When the colder weather arrives a cold weather kit would be of benefit- tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. In line with the county council's health and safety policy, earrings must be removed for P.E..

Welcome to Year Two!

### OUR TOPIC

#### ***WHEELS, WINGS and OTHER THINGS!***

Our topic this half-term will be all about transport and significant people throughout history who have influenced its progress. I very much welcome the class bringing in toys, photos, books, posters or *anything* related to this topic. We will be having a bike day and a visit to the Ipswich Transport **Museum on 3rd October. Information about this will follow as soon as possible.**

During the second half-term, we will be looking at significant people in history that are famous for rescues they have made. We will look at Grace Darling and the role of lighthouses in keeping ships safe at sea.

### IMPORTANT DATES/NOTICES

- Visit to The Ipswich Transport Museum on the **3rd October**. Volunteers gladly welcomed.
- We will be having a bike day on **Friday 14th September**. The children will be allowed to bring in a bike. Please leave it in the bike shed. It is not a problem if your child does not have a bike, no one will be made to feel left out. If your child wants to ride their bike in school, they **must** have a helmet. Bikes are preferable. However, if they don't have one but have a scooter, they could bring that in. We also appreciate and celebrate that children will be learning to ride still.
- 'Meet the teacher' will be after school on **Tuesday 18th September**.
- After-school open class will be on a Tuesday each week.
- We usually have two school visits during the year- The Ipswich Transport Museum (as mentioned) and Fingringhoe Wick during the last half term.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. If you write a note in your child's reading record, just remind them to show me! I wouldn't want to miss something that is important.

Thank-you in advance for your support,  
*Miss. Eglinton*