

Topaz Class

Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas and I would like to thank you for the cards and presents I received. We have another exciting term ahead of us, full of two more exciting topics, where I hope children continue to build upon the progress made throughout the Autumn term.

OUR TOPICS

Land Ahoy!

Yo-ho-ho! Ahoy me hearties, - it's a sailor life for me!

Get your sea legs on it's time to sail the salty seas. Navigate, explore and investigate the world just like Captain Cook. Make a boat, sink a ship and find out about brave, historical sea explorers.

There's land ahead, lets get the ship to port!

Muck, Mess & Mixtures

Let's get messy! Dive in and get your hands and feet all sticky and covered. Pour, mix, stir and splat to make the some mega-marvellous mess! How creative can you be?

Don't worry about the muck, it'll always wash!

PE

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. Earrings must be removed for P.E. and long hair tied back.

IMPORTANT DATES

- After-school open classroom will be on a **Wednesday**.

Reading

Please continue to try to read at home as often as possible. During this school year especially and with SATS fast approaching, it is vital that children get lots of reading practice as the reading papers require a lot of reading stamina and confident decoding skills.

As introduced just before Christmas we will continue to change books only **twice a week** (Monday & Thursday). This ensures the children are gaining fluency as your child should be reading the book to you more than once.

Maths

We have now learnt the meaning of the 'x' symbol and begin this half term learning about the '÷' symbol. We can work out questions such as 4×5 by putting 4 fingers up and counting in groups of 5. We will now learn how we can use that to work out $20 \div 5$. Once introduced, I will be provide the children with their passwords to the online times-table site called 'Times Table Rockstars' where they can practice these multiplication and division facts.

Handwriting

Correct letter formation, starting and finishing in the correct place is essential before children can begin to join their writing. Rhymes and visual aids (which we use in the classroom) have been sent home with your child. It would be of great help if these could be practised, when possible, in order to secure a correctly formed, legible writing style.

Homework

We will continue to send home a list of spellings on a Monday for testing the following Monday alongside White Rose maths homework (fortnightly). If you are still struggling to access a device that will load website please

Please make sure **all** items of clothing and water bottles are clearly labelled to avoid confusion. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any problems, questions or queries (reading journals will still be checked daily). I am happy to talk to you about your child's progress anytime. Thank you in advance for all your support.