



Topaz Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year 2022-2023. The children have settled in incredibly well and have truly been a credit to all of you. We cannot wait to see what the next year brings and are looking forward to sharing it all with you.

Notices

Please be reminded that school begins at 8:50 and ends at 3:20. We do however welcome you in from 8:40 in the morning.

Thank you to everyone who has provided a pair of wellies for their child and spare clothes in case of accidents. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle everyday too.

P.E.

The children will have P.E. on Thursdays. Please make sure you send your child into school in their P.E. kit on this day and earrings are removed. **P.E. kit is a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts or joggers and trainers.**

Reading

We will be sending reading books and sound cards home in due course. When you receive your reading book, we ask that you practice a little and often, and most importantly keep it fun! We will change the books once a week to give your child the chance to really master the book and enjoy their success. You can post a video on Tapestry to show their excellent work.

We will also be giving the children the opportunity to choose a book from our library. These are books to be shared and enjoyed over the week.

Tapestry

Please update us with any changes to your email addresses. We will share many of your child's successes on Tapestry in the form of photos and videos and we urge you to do the same. The children quickly take ownership of their journal and enthusiastically take photos of their challenges for you to see.

Ways we keep you informed

There will be fortnightly curriculum newsletters in which we shall keep you updated and informed about your child's learning, ways you can help them and any extra details you will need, such as changes to timetables, notifications, etc. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the EYFS team.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Miss Holloway and Mrs Willison

Curriculum Topics – Autumn Term 2022



Topic

Our themes for the term are...

- Ourselves
- Superpowers
- Diwali
- The human body
- Peace at last
- Christmas



Communication and Language

The children will expand their vocabulary and learn how to communicate in the correct tenses. They will learn to share ideas, thoughts and opinions with one another clearly and calmly. The children will learn how to ask questions in order to further develop their understanding or knowledge of a subject.



Physical Development

The children will take part in weekly P.E. lessons. They will develop their coordination, balance, gross and fine motor skills. In our outside area they will explore and experiment with the large construction, bats and balls, skipping ropes and scooters. The children will be taught how to grip and control smaller tools such as pencils and paintbrushes to refine their mark making.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will learn how to communicate in small groups, sharing ideas and methods, as well as solve problems with each other. They will talk to others about their needs, describing and explaining them. They will take part in circle times – celebrating similarities and differences and sharing their likes and dislikes. The children will learn how to talk about their emotions and communicate them effectively to those around them, especially using them to solve any conflicts or problems effectively and in a thoughtful



Literacy

The children will be learning to identify, segment and blend sounds in phonics as well as learning to read some tricky words on sight. They will learn to read and write through small focused group work and constant access to games and activities. They will share a variety of texts and rhymes during carpet times and write speech bubbles, lists, labels, invitations and poems during shared writing times.



Mathematics

This term the children will develop their counting skills; making sure they are accurate up to 20. They will order quantities and numerals on number lines, varying their starting place. The children will use numicon as well as a variety of tools to help them visualise number. They will begin to record the numbers in writing and explore the concepts of more, less, addition and subtraction.



Understanding the World

The children will discuss celebrations and traditions important to them and learn about Diwali, Harvest and Christmas. The children will bug hunt, bird watch and look for signs of Autumn and Winter. The children will investigate materials and sort them according to their properties, focussing on recycling. They will learn the names and jobs of different body parts and ways in which we stay healthy and safe.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will explore colour mixing and use of line. They will be looking at the work of Paul Klee, Kandinsky and Bridget Wright. They will take part in singing sessions and explore musical instruments – learning about rhythm, volume, pitch and beat. The children will learn about joining materials to create different projects, choosing the materials and resources to join. As the children learn stories, they will act them out using puppets or role play and begin to create their own.