



Topaz Class Newsletter



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Dear New Topaz Class Parents and Carers for September 2024

As we come to the end of this academic year, we thought it would be useful for you to have the following information before the summer holiday so that you are able to be fully informed regarding PE days, Curriculum, Home learning & reading as well as any equipment your child may need when they join Topaz Class in September. Year 6 is such a crucial year; we expect all pupils to be reliable, sensible and respectful role models for the rest of the school. I am sure that we can work together to ensure the children feel supported in all they do and help them celebrate all they have achieved throughout their primary school years. We look forward to working with you to make your child's time in Year 6 successful.

Please do contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mrs. D'Abreo & the Year 6 team

Home Learning

Home learning is an important part of school life and children may continue to need support during these tasks. It is especially important this year as it will start to get them ready for the work set at secondary school.

Home learning will include:

Reading - every night for 10-15 minutes please. This is vital in year 6 and it would help your children greatly if you listen to them, and ask them questions about their reading material. Discuss complex vocabulary and the contextual meaning. The children will write in their reading records where they have read up to in their book.

Spellings - Your child will be taught a new spelling rule each week and then given some online spellings using 'Spelling Shed' to practice. They will be given out on Wednesday and then tested the following Wednesday.

Maths - Maths home learning will be set every Friday - this will either be on Maths shed or a written activity e.g. an arithmetic quiz or reasoning questions.

Topic home learning - given every two weeks.

Times table learning where appropriate.

English

This term we will be working on building the children's confidence as young authors and developing writing around our topic.

Writing based on 'Who let the Gods out?'

Grammar - developing an understanding of sentence structure, synonyms and antonyms, relative clauses and parenthesis.

Reading - Identifying The Main Idea/Summarising/ Fact Retrieval/Reading Critically

Topic - Ancient Greece

This half term we will be looking at how the Ancient Greek civilization have influenced the western world.

Art - How are artists inspired by the natural world?

Artist: Laura McNamara

Science - Living things and their habitats

R.E. - For Christians, what difference does it make to belong to Gods Kingdom?

Maths

Place Value
Mental and written addition and subtraction.
Mental and written multiplication and division.

Topaz Class PE days

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday & Friday**; please come to school in PE kit on both those days. Tuesday will be outdoor PE and Friday will be gymnastics in the Hall.

We would be grateful if all items of clothing are named, earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back.

Opal Play - as a whole school we have many exciting activities for the children at playtime. To get the most out of this opportunity, each child should have a pair of NAMED wellington boots and a NAMED waterproof coat with a hood. Please note that your children may get muddy and as we are teaching them to manage risks they may have the odd bump and scrape; Opal Play call this 'hurt and dirt' - we have a comprehensive risk assessment and will be teaching children how to keep themselves safe.

