

St. John's C of E Primary School



Topaz Newsletter

Autumn Term

13th September 2019

Dear All,

 Welcome back from what hopefully was an enjoyable Summer. It has been lovely getting to know our terrific new Topaz class who have come back to school, ready to learn and settled in beautifully!

Our New Topic

Our new topic will be '**HOME SWEET HOME**' we will be learning about houses and the **materials** needed to build them. We will explore homes **past and present** and houses around the world. We would also like to design and make some model houses so please send in an empty **cereal box** so we can get building! In **English** we will be writing **lists, labels, captions** and **recounts**, following and writing **instructions** and re-telling **traditional tales** In **Maths** we will be counting and practising rapid recall of addition & subtraction as well as **measuring length**, and learning about 2D and 3D **shape**

P.E

P.E. is **Monday** and **Wednesday** for which the children will need their P.E. kit (black shorts, white T-shirt and black pumps) P.E. on Mondays until half term, is football outside so you may wish to send trainers, jogging pants and a long sleeved top. PLEASE ensure that your **child's name is in all items of their kit** otherwise it is very difficult to reunite lost items with their owners! Earrings should be taken out or covered up so they don't catch on clothing as children change for P.E. –ouch!

No BIG bags please

Unfortunately our cloakroom is very small and the children's pegs are very close together. If possible, please PLEASE send PE kits in a **drawstring pump bag** with **anything else in their bookbag** (which will fit in your child's tray.) Any bag larger than a standard pump bag is too wide to fit on the peg so must be stored separately meaning it is much less accessible to the children.



Reading Books



Your child will have received two reading books, one set at their current reading level and a challenge book from the level above. Your child may initially need support to read some of these books, but with practice should increase their confidence. Please write a short comment in your child's **Reading Diary** when you read together just to say how they got on. Please remember that it is proven that **children who read regularly at home really do make significantly better progress than those who do not practise!**

Library Books

In addition to their two Reading Scheme Books, your child may take home two library books each week to enjoy at home. Our library day is **WEDNESDAY** so please ensure that books are returned by then. If you lose or damage a book, you will need to pay for or provide a replacement before your child will receive a new library book.

Homework

The most important homework you can do with your children is to hear them read daily. In addition to reading practise, homework will be sent home each **Friday** (spellings & maths or Topic) **to be returned the following Friday**. Homework not completed at home, must be completed at school during Choosing Time so please remind your child so they won't be disappointed!

Water

In order to keep hydrated, children may bring a drink of **plain water** to school each day in a plastic bottle with their name on. **Please do not send juice or flavoured water** as both contain sugar and it is vitally important to protect children's teeth as much as possible during the day.

And finally...If you have any questions, concerns or anything we need to know that can help us to help your child, please do not hesitate to contact me before or after school or make an appointment with Mrs Norris.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Earle