

# Year 1 Newsletter

**Topaz Teacher: Miss Sellar**  
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**Mrs Byrne & Miss Walmsley.**

## Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is

### 'Who am I?'



In **English**, the children will practise their phonic skills in a daily phonics session. They will develop their sentence writing and their awareness of finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. There will also be a big focus on handwriting patterns and the children will be taught the cursive script.

In **Maths**, we are ensuring that all the knowledge that they learned in Reception has not floated away on a wave over the summer. We will be thinking about numbers up to 20, adding and subtracting them as well.

In **Science**, we will be learning about our bodies, what they can do and explore the 5 senses.

Our **Topic**, which will link our learning together, is about our community. We will also learn to make simple maps of our school and local area. We will learn about the points of the compass. We will also think about the different types of buildings that we find in our town and what they are made of. We hope to be able to go and explore the local area to see some buildings.

The children will learn about belonging to different groups such as family, school, etc. We will learn how we need rules to keep us safe and happy and how we look after each other. We will be thinking about how the school's new rules 'Be Ready, Be Kind, Be Safe' apply to us.

## Reading

The children will continue to engage in Reading sessions—both whole class and individually. We will be checking the reading folders every day, and changing books when children have read at home with their parents. Those that don't get a chance to read with their parents will be supported to read with adults in the classroom. However, it is important to remind you that regular reading sessions with their grown ups will have a fantastic impact on the progress that your children make. Please read with them as much as you can. Every child in the class will be read with at least once a week by an adult in the class.



## P.E Tuesday and Thursday

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school (white T-shirt and red shorts). Bring it in and leave it in—we'll send it home for a wash at half term!



Please could you also remove earrings on these days for health and safety reasons.



## MEET and GREET

It was great to meet you on Thursday 5th September. If you have any questions and problems, please come and find us—we're here to help and support your children!

## How can you help at home?

**Listen to your child read as much as possible and share other books with them.**

**After reading a book ask your child questions about the story to build their comprehension.**

**Support your child with their homework each week.**



### Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.

## Online Safety

This term we have set some online safety rules to use in class and at home. The children know that if they see anything online that makes them feel worried, then they should tell a trusted adult and ask them to help.

