

# SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

## Topaz Class

We hope you had a lovely festive holiday and wish you all a Happy New Year!

This term our topic is 'A day in the life...', where we will learn about different people who help us'. We will be using this topic to learn about the role of fire-fighters, police, doctors and nurses as well as other important people that help us too. To help us explore this topic we will be reading non-fiction books and stories such as, 'Topsy and Tim go to the Police Station', 'I'm the bin lorry driver' and 'Charlie the Firefighter'. If you work in any of these roles and would like to share this with the class, please speak with Miss Harwood.

### Oracy

You can help your child at home by...

- Comparing stories of people that help us in the past and present.
- Sharing stories and memories of any support from people who help us
- Discussing who helps each individual and how they keep us safe.
- Subitising- saying how many things you can see without counting.

### Star Words



recycle  
career  
community  
appointment  
emergency  
rescue



## Literacy

- Learn new phonemes- Phase 3 e.g. ai, ee, igh.
- Use known sounds in our reading and writing.
- Orally compose sentences.
- Begin to use finger spaces when writing simple sentences.
- Recount real events
- Using new vocabulary in our play
- Develop our drawing skills and write simple sentences.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Using a variety of textures and materials to create a work of art. E.g. collages to create a flame.
- Explaining what we have created and thinking of how we can adapt. Developing our cutting skills.
- Selecting materials for a purpose and creating props to use in our imaginative play.

## Messages for Home

P.E day for Topaz class: Friday

Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in P.E kit. P.E kit consists of black bottoms, white top and trainers.

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day and it's labelled with their name.

As we read x3 a week with each child, children need to have their home learning folder including books in school everyday.

Please bring a set of spare clothes in your child's bag and make sure all items of clothing are labelled.

## Mathematics

- Develop our counting skills.
- Explore how parts make wholes.
- Investigate the composition of different numbers.
- Use counting to find how many objects there are in a set.
- Remember our stopping number when counting.

You can help your child by: recognise numerals from 1-5, count objects the find at home, match numbers to quantities.

## PSHE

- Learn about respecting similarities and differences.
- Think about what makes us unique.
- Learn how to talk to others about what we want and begin to negotiate and tolerate delay.

You can help your child by discussing what they could do when they are upset with another child.

## Understanding of the World

We will be learning:

-about different occupations and ways of life of people in our community such as, doctors and nurses.

-how things are different from past to present e.g. how fire engines and equipment have changed over time.

In PE we will be learning to develop our balance, co-ordination and teamwork skills in Fundamental Movement.

We will also developing our fine motor through activities that strengthen our hand muscles.

## Key dates:

- Topaz class trip to West Norwood Fire Station 12th January 2026
- Police visitng class on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Phase 3 Phonics workshop for parents and carers (Date TBC)
- Break up for half term on Friday 13th February 2026
- Return back to school on Monday 23rd February 2026

