

**Spring 1**  
**'A day in the life...'**  
**Topaz Class**

We hope you had a lovely festive holiday. 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'.



**Star Words**



recycle

career

community

appointment

emergency

rescue

**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.

**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 is black bottoms, white top and trainers.

Home learning will be sent home each week. It will consist of listening to your child read their phonics book and an adult reading your child's chosen Reading for Pleasure Book. We also send home our 'Phonemes of the week' in a purple book for children to practise recognising and forming the letters.

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

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

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

In Literacy we will be:

- 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

In Maths we will be:

Reception:

- 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.

Expressive arts and design:

We will be:

- 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.

In Physical Education we will be:

Develop our balance, co-ordination and teamwork skills in Fundamental Movement.

Understanding the World:

We will be learning:

- about different occupations and ways of life of people in our community such as, doctors and nurses.
- discuss how things are different from past to present e.g. how fire engines and equipment have changed over time.

In PSHE we will:

- Learn about respecting similarities and differences.
- Think about what makes us unique.
- Learning 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.

**Key dates for Spring 1:**

- Topaz class trip to West Norwood Fire Station (Date TBC).
- Phase 3 Phonics workshop for parents and carers (Date TBC)
- Break up for half term on Friday 14th January 2025
- Return back to school on Monday 24th February 2025

