

# Curriculum Newsletter | Summer 1

## Topaz, Diamond and Sapphire Classes

Our World Learning topic this term is: 'The Stories People Tell'. We'll explore different types of stories from around the world, including fairy tales, fables and myths. We'll be learning that stories can be written or passed down through generation, and how some stories teach lessons.



### Star Words

Story	Myth
Folk tale	Legend
Fable	Tall tale
Fairy tale	

### Home learning ideas

Read and compare different stories together.

Make up your own story together.

Talk about stories you liked as a child and why you enjoyed them.

Watch a movie together and talk about the story.

### Important information

Children have their Little Wandle reading book and reading for pleasure book changed during Reading Squad on Wednesdays. It is important that all children come to school with their books and reading record so they can be given new books.

Children should be reading with an adult at home and having their reading record signed a minimum of twice a week to support their progress.

#### Topaz Class PE

Friday

#### Diamond Class PE

Monday Y1 only  
Friday - Whole class

#### Sapphire Class PE

Monday

#### Sapphire Class Violin

Monday and Tuesday

### Key dates this term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Back to school  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – School closed  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Topaz Class assembly  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Drama workshops  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – End of term



### **In Literacy, we will:**

- Explore 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion' and 'The Enormous Turnip'.
- Talk about the stories we read and hear.
- Sequence story events.
- Write simple sentences.
- Write for a range of purposes.
- Use adjectives to describe characters and settings.

### **Year 1 will also:**

- Plan and edit our writing.
- Write a clear narrative.
- Use a range of suffixes.
- Extend our sentences with conjunctions.

### **In Maths, Reception will:**

- Develop our counting and subitising skills.
- Explore different ways of representing numbers.
- Compare quantities.
- Consider 1 more and 1 less with numbers to 10.

### **In Maths, Year 1 will:**

- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Recognise and make equal groups by sharing and grouping.
- Make doubles.
- Recognise and find half and one quarter of objects, shapes and quantities.
- Describe position and turns.
- Describe ordinal numbers (first, second, last etc.).

**In Music, Reception will** attend musicianship lessons every Thursday to learn rhythm and patterns through following a beat.

**In Music, Year 1 will** attend violin lessons each week where they will continue to learn simple rhythm and patterns through songs and learn how to correctly hold and use the violin.

### **In PSHE, we will:**

- Learn about building positive, healthy relationships.
- Solve problems within friendships.
- Understand families.

## **Understanding the World**

### **In World Learning, we will:**

#### **History**

Explore stories from different times in history.

Find out how stories pass through generations.

#### **Geography**

Explore stories from around the world.

#### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Create Papier Mache vases that tell stories inspired by Ancient Greek pottery.

### **In Science, we will:**

- Learn about seasonal changes from Winter to Spring.
- Observe plants.
- Label the parts of a plant.
- Compare plants.
- Find out about different trees.

### **In RE, we will learn about:**

- The central beliefs of Islam.
- The Prophet Muhammad.
- The Qur'an.

### **In Computing, we will:**

- Collect data.
- Record and represent data.