AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Topaz Class

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school and if you are new we welcome you to Jubilee School!
This term our topic is 'All About Me'. Through this topic we will learn about ourselves, what we like and dislike, families, feelings, culture, communities and groups we belong to. We will be thinking about how this makes us similar and different to eachother. We will be learning how to respect each other and our differences, learn about the SMART 5 and how these are important in and outside of school. To help us explore this we will be reading 'The Colour Monster', 'The Big Bad Wolf of Jubilee', 'Who do I see in the mirror?' and 'The Family Tree'. For the first few weeks, we will be focussing on settling in, ensuring childreen feel safe and happy at school, whilst building on new relationships with adults and peers.

Oracy

You can help your child at home by talking about:
- their family heritage and culture.
- family celebrations
- what makes them unique
- discussing their feelings and why they are important
- discussing their school day and what they have enjoyed.

You can also support your child by:
- Counting objects you see on walks or in the home.
- Collecting natural resources eg. Conkers, leaves, sticks and bring them into school.
- Reading with your child each day.

Star Words

feelings
culture
respect
safety
similarities
differences
unique

Literacy

- Learning new sounds such as, s a t.
- Listening to sounds around us.
- Writing our names.
- Using known sounds to write initial sound and words.
- Orally composing sentences.
- Writing sentences about ourselves using capital letters and finger spaces.
- Developing pencil grip and forming letters correctly.
- Listening to a range of books and discussing what has happened, answering and asking questions about them.

Mathematics

- Counting up to 5 forwards and backwards.
- Counting objects within 5 with 1:1 correspondence.
- Subitise up to 5.
- Finding more and less than a given number.

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

Expressive Arts and Design

- Drawing self portraits.
- Using different materials and mediums to create artwork.
- Explaining the materials we have used and why.

PSHE

- We will be learning to follow classroom expectations.
- We will learn to collaborate with our peers.
- We will learn to share with others and use our words to share our feelings.

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.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about people in our families and those who are important to us.

We will be celebrating our similarities and differences.

We will also observe seasonal changes. Please do help us by collecting natural treasures on your walks such as, conkers and pine cones.

In **PE** we will be developing our gross motor skills by learning to balance, and coordinate.

We will also strengthen our core though climbing and crawling etc.

Key dates:

End of half term- Friday 23rd October 2026