# AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

## Topaz Class

We hope you had a lovely half term break.
This term our topic is 'We are what we eat', along with 'celebrations'. We will be using this topic to learn about where food comes from, healthy eating and exploring foods from different cultures. We will be making links with ourselves and there will be some tasting of foods too! To help us explore this topic we will be reading 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'I can eat a Rainbow', 'Femi the Fox and a pot of Jollof', 'Dragons love Tacos' and 'The Runaway Wok'.

## Oracy

You can help your child at home by talking about:
- healthy eating
- family celebrations and food
- Talking about the foods that they eat and where they originate from.
- Involving your child in cooking at home with you.
- Discussing how healthy and unhealthy foods impact on your body.
- Subitising to 5
- Practising number bonds to 5
- Reading with your child each day.

## Star Words



vitamins
minerals
produce
diet
culture
nutrition
decay

## Literacy

- Learning Phase 2 phonemes such j, v, w, x, y
- Writing posters
- Continue to use our phonics knowledge to write simple words such as, CVC words like chop, cut.
- Focussing on forming letters correctly.
- Listening to a range of books and discussing what has happened, answering and asking questions about them.

## Mathematics

- Subitising to 5.
- Using our fingers to represent numbers to 10.
- Learning about composition of numbers to 5.

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

- Using various media to create representations e.g pastels to draw fruit.
- Using different materials and mediums to create artwork.
- Developing our junk modelling skills
- Explaining the materials we have used and why.

## PSHE

- We will be learning to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- We will learn to think about the perspective of others.

## 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 where food comes from
-how to keep ourselves healthy
-comparing foods from different cultures
-develop an understanding of similarities and differences between where we live and other countries

In **PE** we will be learning to develop our ball skills by rolling, throwing, catching using different sized balls.

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

## Key dates:

- Topaz class trip to Pizza Express-Wednesday 11th November 2026
- Parents Evening Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November 2026
- School Flu Vaccinations- Wednesday 25th November 2026
- Festive Singalong on TBC December 2026
- End of term is Friday 18th December at 2pm.