**Topaz Year One Homework**

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|  | ***Weekly homework*** |
| Week 5 – 5th December 2024  Thank you to all the children who completed their Polar Explorer fact finding homework. I have been fascinated to read what the children have discovered. We will be continuing to use this homework in class next week. The next couple of weeks are exceptionally busy, so I have given the children a little less homework to try and help balance everything.  Thank you for your support as always.  **Phonics** Please encourage your child to practice ALL their flashcards **daily**. In addition to reading the sounds, please remember that you can also ask your child to write them, for example say to your child ‘write the digraph **ai** as in p**ai**n’, ‘write the digraph **ay** as in d**ay**’ This really helps the children to apply their knowledge. This homework is continuing from last week.  **Literacy – Reading comprehension**  This week I would like the children to try and complete the reading comprehension ‘Sleepy Cat’ This is a new skill that the children are learning in class. Strong reading comprehension skills are important because they **help readers to understand** and gather information and meaning from texts. Whilst it is obviously okay for you to support your child with this activity, it is also imperative that they try to be as independent as possible so they are developing their comprehension skills. Please follow the instructions on the comprehension.  **Reading**  Please continue to share your child’s Little Wandle book and sharing book. When reading together please encourage your child to spot familiar graphemes and develop their comprehension skills by answering questions about the story. Please do comment in their reading record every time you listen to your child read, or share a story together.  *Please remember to return all books on Monday so they can be used during group teaching reading sessions. Many thanks for your support with this.*  As always, if you have any questions about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.  Many thanks for your continued support,  Mrs Allan 😊   |  | | --- | | **Next week in class we will be learning** | | **Reading – Little Wandle recap phases 2 & 3 / sentence reading and writing**  **Phase 5 – grow the code – alternative spellings RECAP**  **Writing – Diary writing** (composing a sentence orally before writing it and using conjunctions)  **Explore Fact file** – report writing/ non-fiction writing focus continued | | **Maths -** (repeating pattern) | | **Geography –** Understanding habitats and changing seasons –  field trip to Thameside Nature Discovery Centre  **R.E – Incarnation** – Jesus the light of the world. | | **Expressive Art and Design – Music** –NATIVITY PERFORMANCE  **Art** – Christmas activities | | **Physical Development – Outdoor PE –** Ball skills – throwing and receiving  **Indoor PE –** Fundamentals - travelling and jumping | | **Story focus of the week: Bible stories – the birth of Jesus** | |