**Topaz - Reception Class Homework**

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|  | ***Weekly homework*** |
| Week 1 – 12th September 2024Dear parents, Welcome to the first Reception class homework letter. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due back in on a Tuesday. The children in Reception are asked to put their homework folder in the tray when they come into school on a Tuesday morning. All homework is looked at by a member of the Reception class staff, but is not formally marked. Some activities will also be practical or online, so in these instances I may ask the children to talk about the activity with the class, or bring in some photos. All the information needed for the homework will also be posted on our class page on our website.Phonics – Little WandleThis week we are starting our Little Wandle phonics scheme. You will shortly be receiving more information about how this scheme works and how you can support at home. Initially, your child will be bringing home ‘wordless books’. These are a crucial part of the process of learning to read and covers important aspects including comprehension, asking and answering questions and predicting what might happen next in a story. Please record your daily reading sessions with your child in their reading record so that we can share your child’s ideas and progress with them. Alongside their Little Wandle reading book, your child will also bring home a ‘sharing book’. This book is one that your child will not be able to read by themselves, but is for sharing with you and the rest of your family. Little Wandle books and Sharing books will be sent home on a Thursday and MUST please be returned to school on MONDAY morning. Thank you for your support with this.Literacy – name writingIn their homework folders the children have their ‘name cards’. These cards show the starting and finishing points of each letter in their name. Please encourage your child to have a go at writing their name daily, ensuring that the formation of each letter is accurate. It is really important to get into good habits from the beginning when it comes to letter formation. To start with, it may be helpful for your child to place tracing paper over the top of their name card and copy each letter. Once they have gained confidence tracing their name, they can then progress to copying their name on to paper. When writing on paper, please use writing pencil only, however, it is also a great idea to have a go at writing in lots of different ways e.g. in sand, in shaving foam or using chalk on the pavement. Please refer to your ‘mark making’ booklet for more ideas for early writing with your child.Well done to all the children for settling in to their new school routine so well. I am very proud of how well they are doing!**Well done!**

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| **Next week in class we will be learning** |
| **Reading – developing listening and comprehension skills** **Writing – Grapheme formation – Christian name** |
| **Maths – place value – ordering numbers****Number recognition – number songs to 10** |
| **Understanding the World R.E. – The Creation Story** (MatthewGenesis 1:1-2:4) In the beginning God created the universe |
| **Expressive Arts and Design – SPACE- The Solar System– colour mixing skills** |
| **Physical Development – Outdoor PE – Ball skills – throwing and receiving** **Indoor PE – Fundamentals - travelling and jumping** |
| **Story focus of the week: Whatever Next!** |
| **Additional activity: Reception Baseline Assessment** |

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