



# Clanfield Church of England Primary School

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TOPAZ CLASS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to Clanfield and Topaz class. We hope that you have had a fun, relaxing and revitalising summer break and are ready for a fun-filled learning adventure! We thought we would take this opportunity to share some details regarding the structure, staffing and expectations in Topaz this year.

## The Team

This year, Dr Wallis and Mrs Tuach are continuing their working pattern with Dr Wallis working Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Tuach leading the class on Thursday and Friday. We are lucky to be supported by Mrs K Monday-Thursday and Miss Taylor on a Friday. PPA cover will be provided by Ms S and Miss Taylor.

## Arrival and pick up

There are no changes to arrival and pick up times or procedures. Please note though that we are only allowed to release children to other families or adults if the office has been informed beforehand. Also, please email your permission if you are happy for your child to walk home alone (Year 6 only) as we keep a record of this to ensure that we are keeping your children safe.

## Pencil cases

Whilst we have all of the necessary equipment in the classroom available to your child, we are happy for your child to bring in their own pencil case and equipment if they so wish.

## Uniform

Pupils are asked to continue to wear School Uniform each day in line with the School Uniform Policy, although sensible, black trainers will be permitted.

On PE days (Monday and Thursday) pupils should come into School in PE Kit. This includes their School jumper rather than coloured or branded hoodies.

## Homework

Homework will not resume for the first few weeks to give pupils a chance to settle. However, we will be sending home a times-table of the week for your child to work on. Please see the attached sheet which shows which times tables will be studied when. This is with the intention of giving our pupils the strongest possible foundations for their mathematics learning.

We would also like to ask that you continue reading with your child, aiming for 20 minutes 5 times a week will really support your child's learning in School and set them up for success. To help with this, we will be sending home reading records in which pupils should record their reading aloud. These will come into School with the children each day and be sent home with your child each afternoon.

## Class topics, books and activities

This term, we are focusing on the big question: 'Hope: How can I empower myself and others?'. We will be using 'Holes' by Louis Sachar to inspire our English Learning Journey. Feeding into this we will be studying the human and physical geography of North America and how communities affect and are affected by the landscape. In Maths, we will make sure that we are secure with the fundamentals of place value and the four operations before moving on to apply our learning in new situations. Our full topic map accompanies this letter.

Should you have any further queries, please email us and we will get back to you either directly or to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr Wallis, Mrs Tuach and the Topaz Team.