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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We all know that 2020 has been a year like no other however we are all ready to 'get up and go for it' with our wonderful children new to Year 1. Being in Year 1 means that we are all SUPER!

Below are the topics that we will be studying in Autumn Term 1.

Theme	SUPERHEROES
Subject	
English - Texts related to our Superhero theme	The children have daily Read Write Inc sessions to develop their understanding of phonics, their ability to spell and to develop reading skills. The children also have a text-based lesson where they share ideas, build their vocabulary and practice their writing skills. We will be writing reports, instructions, poems and recounts. Key learning in phonics and writing is to: sound out; form letters correctly; say and then write a sentence or sentences!
Mathematics	Counting; sorting; Place Value, Addition & Subtraction and 2D shapes
Science	The Human Body - name and label body parts; investigate what parts of the body can do; developing questioning and thinking; collecting data
Computing	Controlling a robot; Using getepic.com; oxfordowl.co.uk; numbots.com
Freeflow	Learning across the subjects based around our Superhero theme
R.E.	There will be a termly whole school RE days to provide the children with rich learning opportunities.
P.S.H.E.	Using the Jigsaw scheme - 'Being me in my world' Feeling special and safe; Being part of the class; Rights and Responsibilities; Rewards and being proud
P.E	Real PE adventures - taking turns; travelling in different ways; balancing; jumping and landing
Music	Using the Charanga music scheme to explore sounds and follow a beat;

Events coming in Term 1 (all event info tbc)

Harvest event
Christmas celebration

Maths at home - numbots.com

Maths learning is always fun while playing numbots. Your child will receive an individual login to use the site, play games, practice and develop numeracy skills whilst collecting stars and coins to spend on robot body parts to create a super Numbot!

Home Reading

Our reading system gives you the chance to share a book with your child, allows us to carry out focus group work and also ensures your child has an individually matched book. Here's how it works:

On Mondays: your child will bring home a **Sharing Book** to enjoy together - this is not matched to your child's reading level - it is for listening to and sharing together. This is returned the following Wednesday.

On Wednesdays: your child will bring home a **Group Reading Book** following a group session with the teacher. This is matched specifically to your child's level, however your child will have discussed and begun to read this book with the teacher in a small group prior to bringing it home to read to you. This is returned the following Friday.

On Fridays: your child will bring home a **Home Reading Book** also matched specifically to your child's level. Support your child to read this text as normal, encourage them to use their phonics skills to decode words but also help them out by telling them words which cannot be sounded out (for example 'the'). This is returned the following Monday.

It is still essential to sign in your child's Home School Contact Book whenever they have read. This can still include any reading books from home as well as school books. They will get a new Sharing, Group and Home Reading Book each week. Of course, it is also **essential** that all books are returned at the correct time - otherwise there won't be enough Sharing books for each child or there might not be enough Group Reading Books for each child in a group. It is best to ensure that your child brings their book bag daily as they are checked daily and it is easier when things go home like letters or completed work.

According to our Covid arrangements all books are cleaned and quarantined before being used again.

Get Epic

Each class has a Get Epic reading account. Teachers can see how much your child has read, which books and even if they have skipped through pages. Please go to <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> and choose the class code for your child:

Topaz Class code: **cnv9123**

Garnet Class code: **pgi0684**

Sapphire Class code: **spy7282**

However, following changes at Get Epic - it is now only accessible between 7am and 4pm from home therefore:

Oxford Owl

To continue to ensure that your child has free online reading resources, we have Oxford Owl accounts for each class - and it is available at any time. Please go to: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in>

Topaz class username: **topazwps** password: **topaz1**

Garnet class username: **garnetwps** password: **garnet1**

Sapphire class username: **sapphirewps** password: **sapphire1**

PE

P.E kit includes a white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and plimsolls and/or black or white trainers for outdoor P.E.

In the Autumn terms we go outside if it is not too cold or wet so a navy blue tracksuit can also be worn. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please inform the school if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Uniform

Please check our website for all uniform information however we would also like to remind you that large brightly coloured bows are not part of the school uniform and that nail varnish should be removed. Please could you also ensure all items of uniform are named - it is much easier to trace when it goes 'walkabout.'

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to the Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant or we can make an appointment for you to catch up with anything.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Clifton -Year 1 Leader & Topaz Class teacher

Mr Syred - Trainee Teacher with Topaz Class

Miss Arthurs - Garnet Class teacher

Mrs Tatham-James & Mrs Smeeton - Sapphire Class teachers