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The Topaz Trumpet

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Welcome to the Topaz Trumpet

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Dear Topaz Class

We hope you all got on OK with the new learning Grid. Judging from some of the comments on the phones this week we know some children preferred it to set daily work. The key is to get into a good routine and focus on the basic core subjects first; 20 minutes a day on reading, spellings and times tables. Afterwards children can have a look at the Learning Grid and choose one or two activities to complete each day.

The good news this week is that all classes have the same or a similar learning grid with the focus being: **LOVE OF NATURE.**

It is almost impossible at the moment to step outside your door and not notice the changing season and the sounds and sights of nature springing to life all around us. The advantage of having the same learning grid for all classes is that siblings can all have a go at the same activities.

The above links with the County Councils advise on maintaining our mental health during this pandemic by; connecting with others, being active, keep learning, give or support others and take notice of the environment. More support can be found on the County website on the link below.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/mental-health/coronavirus-and-mental-wellbeing/>

So let's get out into nature and enjoy our learning this week!

Please send us photos of your learning that we can celebrate in our future newsletters.

Be kind and stay safe,
Ms Vallance, Mr Hayes and Mrs Salter

Group 1 Spellings – The sound spelt n before k /ŋ/	Group 2 Spellings – Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc
bank	vein
tank	weigh
think	eight
blink	neighbour
honk	they
plonk	obey
sunk	grey
bunk	sleigh
	veil
	reign

Look, cover, write and then check your spellings daily. If you do not know the meaning of a word look it up in a dictionary or go to

<https://www.dictionary.com/> you can also check out the word of the day!

Daily Times table practice	Monday Login into Times Tables Rockstars.	Tuesday X5 table focus – write out your x5 tables then practise them aloud.
Wednesday Login into Times Tables Rockstars.	Thursday Revise the x10 tables – list out the multiples of 6 and practise them aloud. Compare them with your x5 tables	Friday WRITE OUT A HUNDRED SQUARE AND COLOUR IN ALL THE 5 AND 10 TIMES TABLE MULTIPLES. What do you notice about the pattern.

Reading

Read a text of your choice for 20 minutes daily – you could do this independently or read to someone else in your house. Enjoy listening to an audio book online. Access the website below which has hundreds of books to choose from. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Please see more reading linked to nature below with the poem – 'About the shark's teeth'.

If additional challenge/learning would be supportive for your family, please see our school website - <http://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/website> you can complete learning sent in previous weeks or follow the great online resources – just scroll down Topaz Class page on the school website and there are links to every curriculum area.

VIRTUE: With unity we accomplish more together, than any one of us could alone. This week, while on your family walk, we challenge you to safely collect any litter you come across. You will need to use gloves and not touch anything sharp. Together we can achieve anything!



About the Teeth of Sharks
John Ciardi

A thing about a shark is - teeth
One row above, one row beneath.

Now take a close look. Do you find
It has another row behind?

Still closer – here, I'll hold your hat
Has it a third row behind that?

Now look in and...Look out! Oh
my,
I'll never know now!



What does beneath mean?



Which words rhyme with find?



Why does he/she offer to hold
the other person's hat?



How does the poet surprise us?/make us laugh at the end?

Each week, we would like to celebrate learning that we've seen or heard about from the previous week. So please send in your photo's Thank you.

by Mrs. J. H. H. H. H.