



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

*"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16*

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

We were thrilled this week with the work carried out in our Forest Schools area and to see such an amazing transformation. All of the overgrown vegetation has been cut back, the trees pruned and tidied and the bark used to replenish the pathways. The fire pit area has also had a good tidy with some new wood to use. We are excited for the children to see it next week.



### Forest School – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Following today's postponement, please be reminded that the following classes will have Forest School on Monday.

**Nursery, Reception,  
Years 1, 2, 3 and 4**

In light of the current situation if you have any worries or your child shows any COVID symptoms please can we request children 5 and up take an LFT before school, Sunday evening or on Monday morning.

Have a wonderful weekend.



## ***Shining Lights of the Week!***

- Antarctica Class (yr R)** Luca, for showing respect to other people's feelings and giving very thoughtful ideas during class discussions.
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** Hadley for always being polite, friendly and respectful to everyone around him.
- Africa Class (yr 2)** Halle F- Always showing respect towards others and working hard on her independence in class.
- Europe Class (yr 3)** Ruby for producing excellent work in English this week! Ruby's work has been used as a WAGOLL in our classroom throughout the week to show the children a perfect example with lots of detail. Keep up your hard work.
- S. America Class (yr 4)** James for always showing enthusiasm, sharing wonderful ideas and being engaged in all his learning. James has also been completing extra work in his spare time to show all of his knowledge on the rainforest. Well done!
- Asia Class (yr 5)** Evie for really trying hard to remain focused throughout the whole lesson. She is persevering with her work, thinking about her presentation and challenging herself with some of the more challenging tasks.
- N. America Class (yr 6)** Greg has put an improved focus into his behaviour and has had really good interaction while working from home.

## ***WOW MOMENTS!***

**Tom (yr 3)** has recently started piano lessons, despite some challenging pieces being set, his piano teacher is super impressed with his progress so far. At home too, Tom is enjoying reading more challenging books, tearing through the chapters! Well done Tom!

**Robin, Niall and Riley (yr 5)** have all recently started attending the Norfolk Basketball Club. Last week they took part in their first Norfolk Youth League Tournament, playing brilliantly and won 2 of their 3 matches. They are sure playing basketball at break times is helping them!



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school  
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

**The week's overall attendance - 85.7%**

## North America Class (yr 6)

As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, in English the children have been using an animation linked to their WW2 topic called 'Germans in the Woods' and created their own mini-film versions. The scenes they filmed have now been edited and text and music have been added. Please click on the links below to see their mini-films.

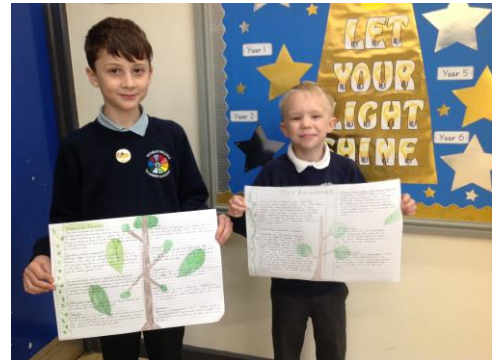
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## South America Class (yr 4)

The children have been writing non-chronological reports based on the rainforest. They have worked so hard creating some fantastic pieces of writing as well as illustrations. We have learnt so many facts and we hope those around school do too, when reading our work on display.



**We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day!**

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.**

The NSPCC needs our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

**On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds**

### Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

### Safe Fundraising

Please place your donations to support NSPCC's work in the buckets that your teachers will be holding at the front gate.

### It all adds up

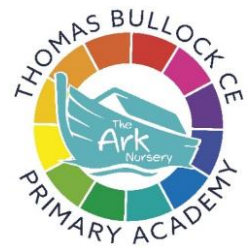
We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Thomas Bullock will make an enormous difference to children today and help NSPCC prevent abuse and be there for children. Thank you.

**You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)**

**To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)**



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## This week

This week has been a busy one! We have continued to focus on our book of 'The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters' with a trip to the postbox to post our letters. We have learnt our new sound 's' and all about the number 3. We have talked about our feelings and read books which help us to understand these feelings. We have been on scavenger hunts, singing nursery rhymes, visiting our different outdoor areas and we've also had lots of messy play inbetween our learning this week too!



## Next week

Our literacy learning will centre around the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this! Our maths learning will link to the beanstalk with a focus on short and tall, as well as recapping numbers 1, 2 and 3 and representing these. Our new sound in phonics will be 'd', whilst reviewing our sounds 'm', 'a' and 's'.

## Learning links at home

Each week we will suggest some activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in Nursery.

- The beanstalk was very tall. Can you find something in your house that is taller than you and something in your house that is shorter than you?
- When you go to the supermarket, have a look at all the different shapes, sizes and colours that beans come in. They often come in tins or in packets (fried) but can be a bit tricky to find!

## **DIARY DATES**

4<sup>th</sup> Number Day

**February half term – 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February inclusive**

21<sup>st</sup> February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

**March**

3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day\*

18<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day\*

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

31<sup>st</sup> Reception Class visit to the Dinosaur Park\*

**Easter Holiday – 4<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

20<sup>th</sup> April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Closed – Bank Holiday**

**May half term – 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

6<sup>th</sup> May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

**June**

9<sup>th</sup> School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening  
and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

11<sup>th</sup> FOSS Yard Sale

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

30<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.

**July**

9<sup>th</sup> FOSS Summer Fete

15<sup>th</sup> FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term.

**\*New addition to calendar**