

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

Last week

We have been talking lots about Autumn and Harvest again this week. We watched a video about farmers harvesting their crop. We enjoyed seeing the combine harvester and discussed the process of wheat becoming flour, which we use to make bread and cakes. In Maths, alongside our continued focus on matching, we have explored number shapes. We noticed their shape and colour and counted the holes in numicon pieces 1-5. We've been super creative this week with both our mark making and our painting / printing skills. The children were introduced to our RE learning based on Christianity through a story book. The children explored the symbol of the cross and created their own using various resources. On Friday, the children were super excited to find a frog near the school pond!



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We have loved exploring all of the Autumn treasures the children brought back to school in their paper bags – thank you so much! Most of us learnt the sign for 'good morning' this week... Watch this link to practice at

home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBf_kV8P4+mM!

We have begun following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. We've learnt lots of words from the story, made actions that link to the positional language in the text and we've been making marks for parts of the story too. We've been using our fine motor skills to practise our pinchy fingers for various tasks, inside and outside. We

have been exploring different materials we might find in the classroom and in our outdoor areas, sorting them into groups and discussing what we already know.



Next week

We will continue to retell the story of 'Rosie's Walk', retelling the story using our story tray, actions and class story map. We will also be making marks on our own story maps. Our rhyme of the week will be: Five Fat Sausages. We will continue to look at sorting in Maths, with a focus on sorting objects – classroom resources and natural resources. We will also continue our RE learning based around Christians and churches and our materials Science learning too.

Learning links at home

- Go on an autumn walk with a grown-up and collect some autumn leaves. Use these to make some nature art – you could lay them out to make a picture, collage them on paper, use them for printing or make rubbings with them on paper!
- In autumn, many people celebrate Harvest with a Harvest Festival. What foods do you think farmers grow on their land? Maybe you could spot them if you visit a supermarket.
- Sing number songs to practice counting: Five Little Ducks, Five Little Speckled Frogs, Ten Green Bottles.
- Make a pattern with natural resources. You could use: acorns, leaves, conkers, sticks.
- Can you spot the pumpkins in the supermarkets? Where do you think they grow?
- We have talked lots about farmers harvesting wheat and this going to a mill to make flour. Find a recipe that uses flour and make something edible. Remember to tell us all about it and post photos to Tapestry!