



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 The Nightingale Federation

We hope you all had a lovely half-term and are grateful the children have returned to school so positively and excited for their Autumn 2 learning. Thank you to those who have sent in the amazing home learning projects. We are so excited at how immersed the children are in their newest learning. Additionally, thank you to everyone who returned the parent surveys. We have had a great response and we will share the results as soon as they are collated.

This term we will be welcoming families into school for a number of events including our Winter Friday afternoon Stay and Play sessions! We have begun adding a number of exciting Christmas and Winter Holiday events to our calendar, so please do check the calendar regularly.

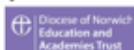
Shining Lights

- Ark Class (Nursery) **Charlie** is our shining light of the week for being a kind friend. Charlie shows brilliant sharing and turn-taking and is a great role model for her younger peers.
- Antarctic Class (yr R) **Emileigh** for truly showing our value of kindness towards her peers. She has offered encouraging words to her friends this week and been an extremely kind friend
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Bertie** for some sensational dancing in PE with Mrs Greenland this week.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Albert** for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude for learning. Albert has particularly shown great thought and care with his English writing.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Bethany** for being such an enthusiastic reading ambassador. Bethany always tries her hardest in class as well as helping others out in our class!
- S America Class (yr 4) **George Ho** for showing our value of kindness. George has been a brilliant and supportive friend all week; helping others around him with their work.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Theo** for working so hard this week. Theo has approached all his work positively and presented it neatly. Well done!
- N America Class (yr 6) **Austin** is our shining light for his excellent work on comparing and simplifying fractions this week in maths. Keep it up.

This week's overall attendance 97%. North America Class (yr 6) 99%



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WOW MOMENTS!

Elsa (yr 6) has been chosen to be part of a Competing Team at her Cheerleading Class. She will be competing at the British Cheerleading Nationals in Telford in May; her family are so proud of her!

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQQgijcUMV7>

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Questions
1	What different types of toys are there?
2	What was London like in 1666?
3	How do artefacts inform us about prehistory in Britain?
4	How do we know who lived in Roman Britain?
5	Who were the Vikings?
6	How does the climate of a place influence how its land is used?

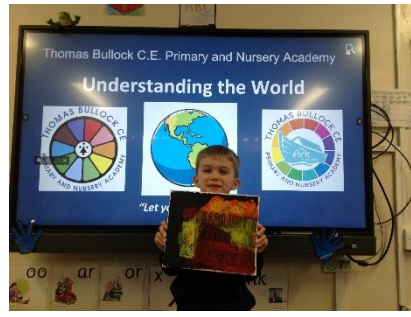
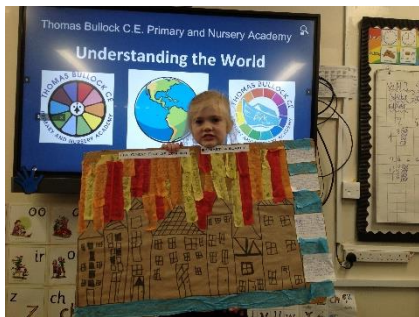
Oceania Class (yr 1)

Year One are learning about toys from the past in History. This week we were able to bring in a more modern toy that we enjoy playing with today to kick start our topic. It was lovely to see a few older toys in the mix too getting loved and played with all over again as they have been handed down in the family. In English we went on to draw our toys and label them with some descriptive words e.g. soft fur. Later on, we had a little play with our toys - it was great fun!



Africa Class (yr 2)

Year 2 have been super proud to show off their half term learning. They have been investigating our new topics ready for this half term, including the Great Fire of London and fairy tales. In Computing, they have been investigating what makes a good photo. Children were challenged to take a photo of a building, a person, a close up of an object, an action shot, a selfie and something in the distance.



South America Class (yr 4)

At the end of last term the class finished their Roman catapults. The children were very proud of their efforts. Over half term, the children were given a project to create a Roman shield. The designs and elements that the children came up with were excellent and well-thought out, such as, curvatures, height and width; and with a shield boss. Here are some pictures of us in action.



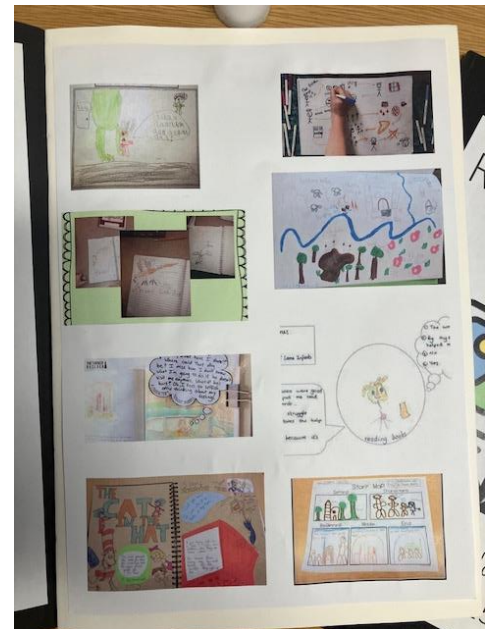
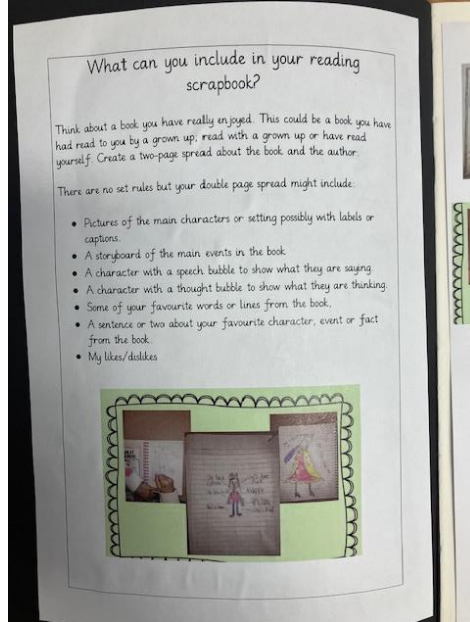
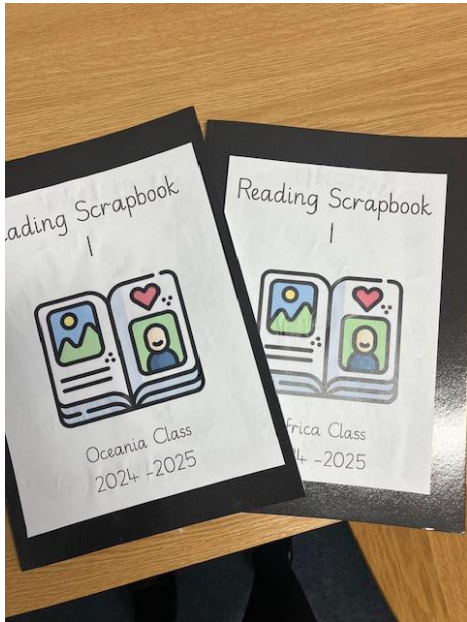
Asia Class (yr 5)

In maths this week Year 5 used cubes to investigate factors, prime numbers and square numbers.



Reading Ambassadors

This week, our amazing reading ambassadors will be making an exciting delivery to Africa and Oceania classes. Each week, a different member of these classes will get to take home their class 'Reading Scrapbook' and fill it with wonderful pictures and writing about their favourite books. We are very much looking forward to finding out about some of the books Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying.



Notices and Reminders...

EDP Sports Equipment for Schools Tokens

We are collecting the tokens published daily in the EDP. If we manage to collect at least 1000 token we will receive a throw pack worth £250 containing: foam javelins, primary discuses, primary shots, primary hammers and medicine balls. Please inform family and friend and tokens can be dropped into the school office.

Emergency Contact and Home School Agreements

Please continue to update us with emergency contact details and return Home School Agreements.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that for any medical appointments, including dentist, we require written confirmation. A screenshot of a text message and emailed to the office is sufficient.



Anti-Bullying Week

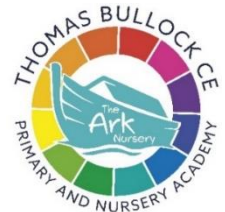
This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. **We will be wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November to raise awareness (no donations).**

Children in Need

We will be dressing up as superheroes or pyjamas or in something spotty or Pudsey colours on Friday 15th November for a suggested £1 donation. We will also be completing a 'small change in the Pudsey outline' like we have in previous years to raise a little more money. Therefore, if you are able to, please bring any spare change you might have laying around!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

In Maths this week, we have learnt all about the number 'one' and represented it in different ways. Our Literacy sessions have been based on the story of 'The Best Diwali Ever' and we have been talking about celebrations in the form Diwali and Bonfire Night. As part of our Diwali learning, we have been exploring Rangoli patterns, Diya lamps, Mehndi hand art and fireworks. We have enjoyed making our own inspired artwork as well as investigating light ourselves with candles and light-up balloons in the dark den. We created our own bonfire in the woods and discussed the importance of keeping safe around fire and fireworks and how we can do so. We made our own safe stick sparklers too! We used a torch to look at Miss Bell-Tye's high visibility jacket and discussed how we can wear them to be seen in the dark. This means we definitely need warm clothes and coats now! We have created firework art with paint and paint water in pipettes. As well as this, we have been practising recognising our names and placing the letters for our names in order.



Next Week

We will continue exploring instrumental sounds and body percussion. We will begin our learning surrounding the story book of 'The Leaf Thief'. In Maths, we will begin looking at the number two. We will concentrate on developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). Our rhyme of the week will be: 1, 2 buckle my shoe. During our afternoons, we will learn about and complete activities for Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need.

Learning links at home

- Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or even glitter and glue!
- Talk about fire and firework safety rules and why they are important.
- Practise getting dressed for a Bonfire Night event. Can you practise zipping up your coat and putting on your hats and gloves?
- Make a model rocket using cardboard tubes and boxes. Talk about the colours you used.



DIARY DATES

2024/2025

November

- 11th – 15th Anti Bullying Week*
- 12th Odd Socks day*
- 13th Yr R Trip to High Lodge
- 15th Children in Need Day
- 18th Yr 4 Trip to Norwich Castle
- 19th Yr 3 Trip to Time and Tide Museum
- 22nd Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 4th Christingle Service in Church (school only)
- 10th Yr 1 trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 12th Reception Class Nativity in Church at 9.30am and 2pm
- 17th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
- 18th Christmas Lunch Day
- 19th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
- 19th Christmas Carol Service 2pm in Church (all welcome)
- 20th FOSS Christmas Party afternoon
- 20th last day of term

Christmas holiday 23rd December – 6th January

February

- 3rd – 9th Children's Mental Health Week*
- 11th Safer Internet Day*

Half term 17th -21st February

March

- 3rd Yr 4 Level 1 Cycling Training*
- 12th & 13th Yr 5 Level 2 Cycling Training*
- 17th School Photographer – whole class photos*

April

Easter holiday 7th-22nd April

May

- 5th **Bank holiday**
- 6th Yr R School Nursing Team Vision & Hearing, Height & Weight
- 12th – 16th May KS2 (yr 6) SATs week

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

- 2nd **Inset Day – school closed**
- 30th – 2nd July Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

July

- 22nd **Last day of term**
- Summer holiday commences 23rd July**

* New addition

