



Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Ark Nursery Class



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a restful week. We are looking forward to welcoming some new friends into our classroom during this festive half term!

We return with a theme of 'Celebrations', beginning with Bonfire Night and Diwali and of course, building up to Christmas!

Outdoor learning takes place **everyday** so it is important for children to have wellies and appropriate waterproof clothing, as well as named spare clothes to keep on their peg.

Tapestry - please upload any snapshots from home for discussion points within class.

Our Learning Objectives:

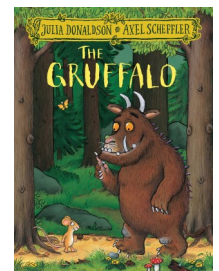
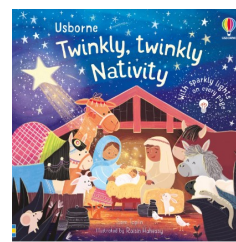
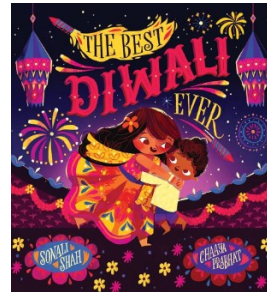
Literacy - We will be joining in with repeated phrases from stories and rhymes, showing children the different aspects of a book and how we hold and read them. We will also be looking carefully at images within a story and using vocabulary to describe these. Lots of fine motor and sensory activities will take place to support physical development, working towards a concentration on pencil grip. We will also be working on the children's ability to give meaning to the marks they make and to recognise their own names.

Maths - We will continue learning lots of finger rhymes. We will learn, practice and apply skills of numbers 1-3. This will include finger counting, counting in everyday contexts, ordering and matching. Children will also learn to count in sequence, order items by size and name and describe a range of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also look at position and location.

Phonics - Alongside our general focus on developing speaking and listening skills, we will look at instrumental sounds and body percussion. Our older children will begin exploring RVI Phonics sounds too.

This half term's learning:

Our main Literacy focus books are pictured below:



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be working on increased independence with putting our own coats and clothing on and supporting with buttons and zips, with encouragement to 'have a try!'

Understanding the World / Expressive Arts & Design:

We will be exploring a range of celebrations and there will be lots of fun activities available to choose from based upon them. We will learn about the meaning behind Bonfire Night and the importance of being safe around fire and fireworks, as well as learning all about Diwali. We will continue having our Norfolk Music Hub sessions on Friday mornings and joining in with daily rhymes and songs.

Physical Development:

We will be working on managing our own personal hygiene and developing our fine and gross motor skills, in readiness for beginning to hold a pencil / paintbrush beyond whole hand grasp.

Outdoor Learning:

We will be outside in all weathers! We will notice seasonal changes daily, spot numbers and shapes in the outdoor environment and make our own nature pictures and natural Christmas decorations, amongst many other exciting opportunities.