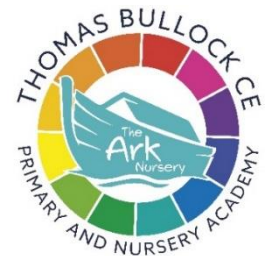


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



The past two weeks

We are *immensely* proud of the children's dressing up, talking, singing and dancing during our recorded Christmas performance of 'Away in a Manger'.

You can watch it here:

<https://vimeo.com/1040828065?share=copy#t=0>

We have had a very busy couple of weeks filled with Christmas activities. We've made lots of wonderful crafts and decorations that have been coming home on our last days of nursery before Christmas. We've enjoyed seeing what the elf has been up to each day and counting down the days to Christmas with our advent calendar. We have been consolidating our maths learning and making Christmas marks! In-between lots of Christmas crafts and activities, we were super excited during our Christmas lunch, making our own wreaths with natural materials and making and decorating gingerbread men too. We also walked to church on Thursday for our annual Christmas Carol Service – the children sang 'Away in a Manger' with great confidence. What a wonderful Christmassy couple of weeks!





Next half term

We will begin teaching our RWI phonics programme, starting with 2 sounds per week. Our focus book for the first two weeks will be Owl Babies – we will be joining in with re-telling the story using actions, learning new vocabulary and mark making on story maps. In Maths, we will look at subitising (when you are able to look at a group of objects and know how many there are, without having to count!) We will be following the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, as well as exploring owls further, linked to our literacy learning.

Have a super fun-filled (and restful) Christmas and a very Happy New Year! We look forward to our return in the New Year 😊