

# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

*This week and last week*

We have settled back in wonderfully after the Christmas holidays, welcoming new friends into our classroom too! We started our RWI phonics with our 3-4-year olds by learning the sound 'm' last week. This week's sounds have been 'a' and 's'. We have also been exploring the book of 'Owl Babies' in Literacy. We story mapped and re-told the story together and made some missing posters for Mummy Owl. In Maths, we have learnt all about the number 3 - counting to 3, recognising the number 3 numeral, the composition of 3 and subitising, as well as playing lots of games! During our afternoons together, we have learnt all about owls, painted our own owl pictures, explored ice and we've done lots of role playing and playing social games to build confidence and make new friends! We also had our first PE sessions in our lovely fresh school hall.





### Next week

Don't forget to bring in your jars over the next couple of weeks, ready for making our own stars in jars!

Our focus sounds in RW1 phonics will be 'd' and 't'. We will move onto our dinosaur learning, looking at our literacy book of 'Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp'. In Maths, we will be looking at the number 4. During our afternoons, we will look at dinosaurs, as well as other countries in the world, with a focus on comparing our country to colder countries. We will then begin comparing the animals that live in our country and arctic animals in future weeks.

### Learning links at home

- Lots of animals have 4 legs. Ask a grown-up to help you find some animal photos in books, magazines or on the internet. Which animal is your favourite? How many legs does it have? Draw a picture of your favourite four-legged animal.
- Squares and rectangles are shapes that have 4 straight sides. Can you spot anything square or rectangle shaped in your home? Have a go at drawing some to make a robot!
- Place teddies into piles of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Can you look at the pile and know how many there are (subitising), without needing to count? - Talk to the people at home about what has wheels – or spot things whilst out on a walk! - What can you think of that begins with 's'? Go on a hunt around your house!