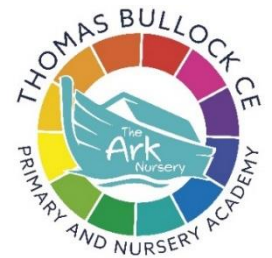


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week and last week

Our sounds of the past two weeks have been 'd', 't', 'i' and 'n'. We practised writing in the air, with paper and pencils and on the interactive whiteboard, saying our phrases "round the dinosaurs bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet" for **d**, "down the tower, across the tower" for **t**, "down the body and dot for the head" for **i** and "down Nobby and over his net" for **n**. In Literacy, we explored the story of 'Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp', where we were able to identify lots of dinosaurs. We also explored non-fiction books, making our own dinosaur fact file. The children learnt lots of interesting facts! We were introduced to the vocabulary 'more' and 'less' and used currant buns and discussed which plate had more and which had less and how we knew. Alongside our focus on the number 4 in maths, we noticed the properties of a square. The children saw that a square has 4 sides, they are all the same length and that a square has 4 pointy corners. During our afternoons, we learnt all about birds with the RSPB BirdWatch, Chinese New Year, dinosaurs, fossils and much more!





Next week

Our sounds of the week will be 'p' and 'g'. Our new literacy focus book is 'Star in the Jar'. This will link to our afternoons where we will be learning about space, making our own stars in jars too. We will look at the number 5 in maths alongside the pentagon and other shapes. Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and NSPCC Number Day so we will take part in lots of themed activities for these both!

Learning links at home

- National hedgehog day is on Sunday 2nd February. Can you make a hedgehog house in your garden? It's important to make sure hedgehogs are warm and cosy!
- Draw a large 5 frame outside. In what way can you fill the frame? 4 leaves and 1 stick? 3 stones and 2 flowers? Discuss how they have filled the 5 frame. - Make a tower of 5 using 2 different blocks. Say what you have made, e.g. I have made 5 using 2 white cubes and 3 yellow cubes. - We are learning about dinosaurs after half term. What do you already know about dinosaurs? Can you name some?