



Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy

Spring 1 Newsletter 2025

Ark Nursery Class



Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a well deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming you all back into class, with our theme of 'A Journey in Time (space, dinosaurs, pirates, under the sea and transport)' this Spring term.

Outdoor learning takes place everyday so it is important for all children to have wellies and appropriate waterproof clothing, as well as named spare clothes to keep on their peg. Don't forget to send them in on your child's first day back! All children will take part in PE games in the school hall on a Monday and Wednesday so please arrive to school wearing trainers. Normal uniform / clothes are fine! Tapestry - please upload any snapshots from home for discussion points within class, especially any from your Christmas break!

Our Learning Objectives:

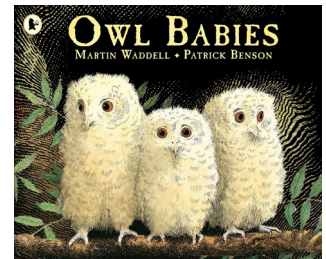
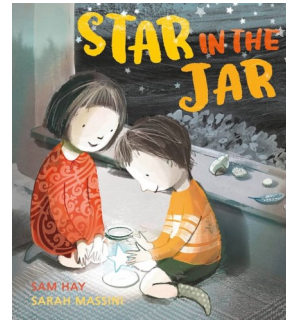
Literacy - We will be joining in with repeated phrases from stories and rhymes, showing children the different aspects of a book and how we hold and read them. We will also be looking carefully at images within a story and using vocabulary to describe these. We will concentrate on fine motor and pencil grip this term. We will also be working on the children's ability to give meaning to the marks they make and to recognise their own names, as well as beginning to trace and write them.

Maths - We will continue learning lots of finger rhymes. We will learn, practice and apply skills of numbers 1-5, as well as subitising and the composition of these. We will explore triangles, squares, rectangles and even pentagons!

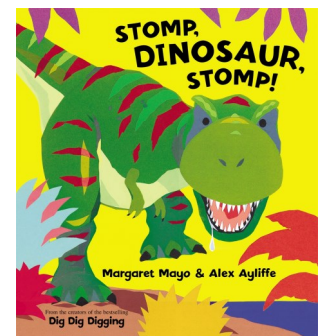
Phonics - Alongside our general focus on developing speaking and listening skills, we will look at body percussion. With our older children, we will begin our Read Write Inc phonics, learning the following sounds: m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k. We will also look at words with the same initial sound through lots of practical activities!

This half term's learning:

Our Literacy focus books are pictured below:



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office!



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue working on increasing independence. We will discuss feelings, exploring the feelings of characters in familiar stories and using puppets. We will follow rules and practice waiting our turn, playing small board games indoors and ball games outdoors. We will also gain a sense of responsibility and independence with taking turns to be in charge of class routines.

Understanding the World/Expressive Arts & Design:

We will explore signs of winter, melting and freezing of ice, cold countries, animals that live in cold countries and we will compare both of these to where we live. We will also begin to look at: What is above us? What are astronauts? What is space? We will also have our Norfolk Music Hub sessions and join in with daily rhymes and songs too.

Physical Development:

We will be working on managing our own personal hygiene and developing our fine and gross motor skills for holding a pencil and beginning to write our names.

Outdoor Learning:

We will continue with our daily outdoor learning, exploring the RSPB Schools' Bird Watch too!