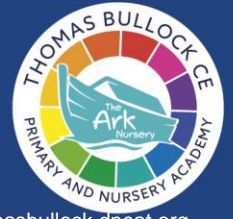




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NEWSLETTER

25th February 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

Welcome back and hope you had an enjoyable half term. The children have returned showing their new value of Perseverance by trying exceedingly well in all their learning this week. I have had the pleasure of joining a number of lessons in all year groups throughout the week and it is excellent to see the quality of education is so consistent and creative in all year groups from Nursery to Year 6.

It is with a heavy heart we said goodbye to our fantastic Governor, Mrs Bennett Mills who has been an incredibly supportive Governor at our school for the past few years and her expertise and care for the children will be hugely missed. We wish her all the best in her new adventures in the South of England.

On 22nd February it was delight to have so many children wear their uniform to school in recognition of Thinking Day. We discussed the importance of the uniform in Assembly and we thank you for supporting this special day.



Hopefully you will all have received the COVID information shared earlier in the week. If you have any queries or require additional information please get in touch.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Shining Lights of the Week!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Sienna for showing perseverance and a great attitude with using her phonics within her writing. She's using her Fred Fingers to segment to spell and is writing short captions and sentences with a little support.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Ethan for being a superstar reader and using his phonics to help him sound out.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Lana for her perseverance this week during English listening carefully to instructions in order to write a lovely description of Fantastic Mr Fox.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Cyril for showing fantastic perseverance this week with his handwriting. Cyril has worked super hard on his handwriting skills, and it has transformed!

S. America Class (yr 4)

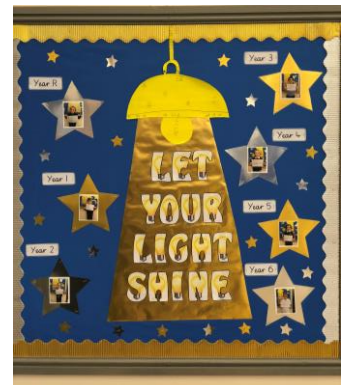
Max P for his perseverance in all topics and listening carefully. Max has improved on his presentation and is challenging himself in maths. Well done.

Asia Class (yr 5)

Jack for working hard to improve his presentation and persevering with some challenging maths questions.

N. America Class (yr 6)

Todd has shown great effort with his writing this week, not only in the quality of his output but the mature way that he was able to discuss improvements.

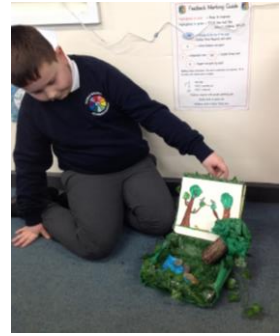


WOW MOMENTS!

Archie (year 3) received his 25m swimming certificate over half term.

Noah E (year 4) decided to do some extra work about the rainforest over half term and he made a rainforest box.

Scarlett (year 1) is student of the month in her Krav Maga Club for her hard work and determination.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 94%

Extra PE Days

There will be additional PE Days to the normal days for the remainder of this term for some classes. These will be reviewed and we will inform you about the arrangements for the Summer term. **Additional days as follows:**

Monday – Nursery, Reception and Year 5

Wednesday – Year 3

Thursday – Year 4

Friday – Years 1 and 2

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Before half term I mentioned we would be sharing key learning questions of the week for you to discuss with your children. You will find these below.

Year Group	Weekly Key Learning Question
1	How have bicycles changed since they were first invented?
2	What is the continent of Oceania like?
3	What is it like in the countries of Western Europe?
4	Do people live in the Amazon Rainforest?
5	How are mountains formed?
6	In topic - What was life like for children during WW2? In Science – Do living things choose to evolve?

Parent/Teacher appointment letters sent home before half term.

Appointments on 8th, 9th and 10th March, please return appointment slips as soon as possible or contact the school office.

There will be a book look in the Hall on Monday 7th March between 2.45pm and 3.15pm for parents.

Antarctica Class (year R)

This week the class have been enjoying some woodwork. The children have learnt about the difference between nails and screws and how to safely use hammers and screwdrivers. They have been super sensible when using the tools and helped each other to choose the nails and bang them into the wood.

Also, as part of their learning about dinosaurs, the class went on a dinosaur hunt to find lots of x ray images of dinosaur bones. They used their prior knowledge to put these together to make a skeleton x ray image of a full dinosaur!



Africa Class (year 2)

In Year 2 the children have started their new class story "Fantastic Mr Fox" By Roald Dahl, to link to their learning this half term. They are focussing on the characters in the story and wrote some questions they wanted to ask Mr Fox to find out more about him. Excitingly, they were visited by Mr Fox on Tuesday and they were able to ask him all of their questions. You can see some of these in the video link here!

<https://vimeo.com/680426549/eac70f1a72>

Europe Class (year 3)

In Europe class we have been making pizza this week to help us write our senses poems all about pizza! The children were very excited to make pizza and to do the pizza dance!



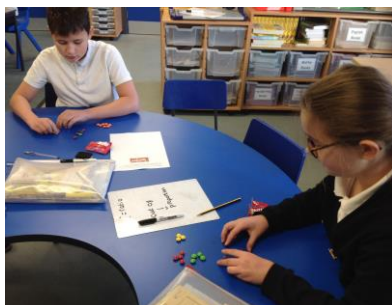
Asia Class (year 5)

The topic for Design and Technology this term is Asian Foods. This week the class explored different ingredients, thinking about what they might be, where they might come from and what we might use them for. We were able to look at, smell and touch a range of ingredients and we even tasted some mango (which was very popular!)



North America Class (year 6)

In Maths this week the children used skittles to investigate ratio and proportion. Half of the class also visited Neatherd High School to take part in a food technology session. The children returned with some delicious looking cheese scones to take home. The remainder of the class will be visiting next week. In Science they are learning about evolution and carried out an investigation linked to Charles Darwin's work on the different beaks of finches. They used different tools to pick up different sized and shaped objects to see which beak shape and size would have been the best for the food available on the different islands the finches lived on.



Here's is a link to a short video of lots more photos and activities from the week:
<https://vimeo.com/681817738>

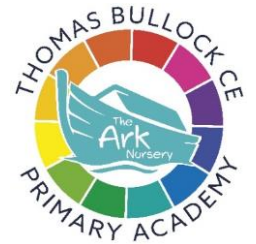
Friends of Shipdham School

Reminder – the FOSS shop is open 9am-1pm every Wednesday in term time and donations are always welcome, they are currently short of boys clothing.

Please continue to follow the Friends of Shipdham School Facebook page, they will be promoting the lottery and amazon smile over the coming weeks.

Don't forget the FOSS Mother's Day shop over the lunch period on 24th & 25th March and there will also be an Easter Egg Tombola outside school on Thursday 31st March.

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This Week

We had another visit from The Giant this week. He left us a letter asking us to find things smaller, bigger and the same size as his footprint. We then measured our own footprints and put these in size order. Miss Bell-Tye had the biggest footprint, but not as big as the Giants of course!



Pancake Day is on Tuesday – I wonder what we might get up to!

World Book Day is on Thursday. Your child can come into Nursery dressed as a book character! We have lots of exciting story activities planned for this day.

Next week, we are looking at a book called 'The Rainy Day' and will have Continuous Provision and Outdoor activities based around this. We will look at numbers in the environment as well as recognising that not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps. We will continue to recap the sounds we have learnt so far and will be introduced to the sound 'i' for 'insect'.

Learning links at home

Can you use different art materials to make a rainy picture?

Talk about the weather each day, like we do in Nursery. You might like to make your own weather chart.

What do you think the weather will be like over the weekend?

DIARY DATES

March

- 3rd World Book Day
- 7th Parent Book Look in Hall – all classes 2.45 - 3.15pm
- 8th, 9th, 10th Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 17th Parent/SEN Meetings
- 18th Red Nose Day
- 24th & 25th Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop
- 31st Reception Class visit to the Dinosaur Park

April

- 1st Easter Service at Church*
- Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive**

20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

9th – 12th Year 6 SATs week*

16th – 27th Year 2 SATs*

27th Queen's Jubilee Celebration and Church

June

9th School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening
and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

11th FOSS Yard Sale

16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

30th Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.

July

8th Sports Day

9th FOSS Summer Fete

13th Reserve Sports Day

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**