



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

It has been a week of rain, sun and snow all three of which we met on our return journey from Church this afternoon. We had a delightful service delivered by Rev. Paul Cubitt from St Nicholas, Dereham and Rev Doreen. The children sang powerfully and beautifully and were a credit to our school and community.

The key learning value this term has been perseverance which we have seen by all children in a number of ways throughout Spring. Our children have excelled themselves in their learning with their excellent progress and we have had positive perseverance in children's music, sports and social, emotional learning as well.

We will share information regarding our Covid road to recovery nearer to the start of the summer term when we have final information from the DFE and Norfolk County Council.

Thomas Bullock had a visit from the Easter Bunny whilst we were at Church, leaving Easter Eggs all over the school field for an Easter Egg Hunt. Once children settled back in class the Easter Bunny continued to hop around the school handing our further Easter treats. It was a lovely way to end the term and the children were so happy to see him! It was lovely too to see the Reception class children walk around the whole school showing the children their Easter Bonnets they had made in class. At the end of the day they went outside to parade in front of their parents who it was fondly received by.

Look out for a vimeo link on social media later today of all our Easter Celebrations.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you at 08:40 on Wednesday 20th April.

Class Clubs after Easter (Teacher led)

All teaching staff are undertaking academic clubs for the Summer 1 half term, therefore clubs will fully recommence after the May half term.

Spellathon

**An amazing £839.85 has been collected in sponsorship which will go a long way to buying resources to raise the profile of spelling and a reading outdoor space requested by the school council.
Thank you so much for your support.**



Shining Lights of the Half Term!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Cleo for persevering and trying hard with all her learning this half term, but particularly with her phonics, reading and writing. Cleo has worked tirelessly, putting maximum effort in all she does and not giving up when it's tricky.

Phoenix for persevering and trying hard with all of his learning this half term. Phoenix has worked tirelessly, putting maximum effort in all he does! He has also been a kind, caring friend.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Harrison for never giving up with his maths work and letting his confidence grow. **Martha** for settling in so well and persevering with her new school setting and routines.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Eva for persevering in all areas of her learning this half term. She has consistently tried her best in her maths, writing and reading. I am super proud of her attitude towards her learning. **Rory** for persevering in all areas of his learning this half term. He has been working hard to improve his writing, reading and maths. We are very proud of what he has achieved

Europe Class (yr 3)

Betsy for showing perseverance in all aspects of her learning. Betsy never gives up and always tries her hardest. **Harry - James** for working really hard all half term to improve his writing, he has persevered and made huge improvements!

S. America Class (yr 4)

Gethin for never giving up and putting lots of effort into his writing - allowing his confidence to grow. **April** for working hard consistently, persevering and putting in lots of effort in all areas of learning.

Asia Class (yr 5)

Rayne and Oscar for never giving up, working really hard on presentation and joining in with class discussions.

N. America Class (yr 6)

Chloe has really persevered with her Maths this half term and has done really well particularly on our work with angles. **Rowan** has stepped up to the challenge and really applied himself with his reading and writing leading to some really positive results.

WOW MOMENTS!

Niall (yr 5) chosen as coach's most valuable player in his 3rd basketball tournament.

Noah (yr 4) achieved his 300 metre swimming certificate. He went from doing his 75m around a month ago to 300m!



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjjcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 97.5%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE HALF TERM

Year Group	Weekly Key Learning Question
R	What were dinosaurs, where did they live and what caused the extinction?
1	How has transport developed over time?
2	Can you describe the 7 continents and 5 oceans that make up the planet Earth?
3	What is significant about Europe? Where in the continent would you like to visit?
4	What is the Amazon, why is it significant and should it be protected?
5	What are natural disasters and how do they impact on people living in Asia?
6	How did the wars impact Britain and the world? What did we learn about conflict and resolution?

Asia Class (yr 5)

Asia Class have been studying Asia throughout the spring term and their DT project has been to learn about Asian culture and food. This week Asia Class enjoyed an afternoon of food tasting and making with Aspens, our catering team. Amber, Michael and Tom shared their knowledge of Asian cuisine with the children before they used their DT skills to make a stir fry. Following this they had a sushi masterclass with the chefs and created their own sushi rolls. Aspens were kind enough to allow the children to take their sushi creations and rolling mats home for further practice. Two children won recipe books winning the sushi rolling challenge. The children commented that they enjoyed learning new skills and were exceptionally proud of their creations! Thank you Aspens for a lovely afternoon.



South America Class (yr 4)

This week the children got to make their bug hotel that they had been designing and collecting materials for in DT. We talked about what would be the best habitat for the bugs and thought about the placement of the material to allow bugs to live safely.

The children have spent the whole of spring term learning about the rainforest and the Amazon. When writing, they spent a lot of time looking at their senses and what they thought you could hear/see/smell in the rainforest. This really came to life for the children at Amazona Zoo and helped solidify their knowledge and understanding of life in the rainforest, animals and their habitats.



Antarctica Class (Yr R)

Despite the snowy weather on Thursday morning, Antarctica class enjoyed an exciting trip at Roarr Dinosaur Park. The children were all incredibly well behaved, a real credit to our school! We explored all areas of the park in search of dinosaurs and answering our key question “what happened and where did the dinosaurs go?” We knew dinosaurs were big, but the models really gave us a feel for just exactly how humongous they were! After lunch we had a quick play on the park before becoming palaeontologists and excavating the fossils from the sand. With tired legs we then visited Dippy’s theatre and headed back for school - there were even a couple of snorers that could be heard from one end of the coach to the other! A wonderful end to our much-enjoyed dinosaur topic.



North America Class (yr 6)

To complete their WW2 topic the children had a VE day party. The children, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Heavens came to school dressed in their 1940 clothes they wore for their trip to Gressenhall last month. They had so much fun! They wrote alphabet war poems, made union Jack flags, cracked a morse code and tasted some food from WW2 as well as listening to popular songs from the time.



Cross Country Event

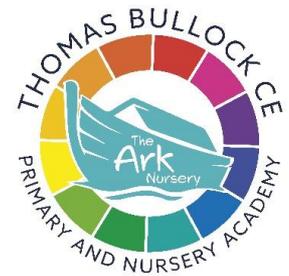
KS2 took part in a Cross Country Competition at Langley Prep School. There were over 500 children and 23 schools taking part. In each race there were over 50 children running, Yr 3/4 had to run 1200m and Yr 5/6 1500m. The competition value was determination, well done to Esme in Yr 3 who was awarded the sticker and certificate. A special mention to April who came 3rd in her race and also got a special certificate.



PE DAYS NEXT HALF TERM

Reception/Nursery	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday (swimming)
Year 6	Monday and Friday

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have had an Easter themed week! We have done some Easter crafting, made chocolate Easter nests and been on our very own egg hunt! We've seen sunshine and snow this week. We explored the snow on our huge school field and found some snowy bird footprints in the woods – this created lots of fantastic discussion. We have learnt all about the sound 'g' for 'girl' and read many Easter themed stories, as well as some of our favourites from the library. In Maths, we used positional language to find eggs in our classroom and even briefly talked about 'more' and 'less', using the vocabulary ourselves.



Look out for our Summer term newsletter and medium-term plan in the first week back, where you will find all of our exciting learning for the first summer term!

Learning links at home

- Can you tell your family all about the lifecycle of a frog? We saw frogspawn in our classroom hatch into tadpoles. What do we think we might see after Easter? What needs to grow for a tadpole to become a froglet/frog?
- People often celebrate Easter by eating hot cross buns, chocolate and cakes. Enjoy making some sweet treats to share with your family and friends. Don't forget to post your activities onto Tapestry!
- Most of all, have a fun and restful time with your loved ones!

DIARY DATES

April

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

20th Antarctica Class (yr R) **only** Superhero dress up*

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

13th Non uniform – wear something red for British Heart Foundation fundraiser*

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 9am – 2pm

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

19th Race for Life*

22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**