



Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy

Summer 1 Newsletter

Ark Nursery Class



Spring is here – let's get growing!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine!

I am looking forward to another exciting, learning-filled half term, with some new friends joining our class too.

Outdoor learning takes place everyday so it is important for children to have wellies and appropriate clothing, as well as named spare clothes to keep on their peg. With the sunshine appearing, sun lotion should be applied at home before school and children should arrive with a named sun hat.

PE days are Monday's and Wednesday's. Forest School is on a Friday.

Tapestry – please do continue to upload any snapshots from home.

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

This half term's learning:

Our topic this half term is growing. Within this, we will watch our class tadpoles grow into frogs, we will grow our own plants and flowers and learn about the life cycles of a range of animals!

Our Literacy focus books are pictured below:



Our Learning Objectives:

Phonics – We will move onto learning a new sound each day, as well as short I:I sessions to ensure children are exposed to all set I sounds. When confident, we will begin to practice blending and segmenting CVC words such as cat, hat, dog, top. We will also continue to work with children on hearing initial sounds in words. I will send home some phonics resources to support you at home over summer and for you to continue to use as your child moves into Reception!

Literacy – We will be sharing lots of stories about growing, plants, insects and animals. We will also continue to join in with repeated phrases from stories and rhymes. A key focus will continue to be pencil grip. Lots of fine motor and sensory activities will take place to support this. Finally, we will continue to encourage children to give meaning to the marks they make.

Maths – We will practice and apply skills of numbers 1-10. This will include: counting, recognising, representing and subitising. Children will also use real life objects to find 1 more and 1 less. We will continue to look at shapes and their properties.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue to show affection, care and concern towards each other, insects and our environment, with a focus on different feelings we might have. We will also talk through our rules and routines and practice following these.

Understanding the World / Expressive Arts & Design:

We will learn about the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal, planting seeds and observing tadpoles growing. We will explore observational drawing, instrument sounds and garden centre role play.

Physical Development:

We will continue working on holding a pencil between our thumb and two fingers (rather than using a whole hand grasp) and make plausible attempts at familiar letters such as those taught in phonics and letters in our names. We also have our weekly PE sessions with Mrs Greenland.

Outdoor Learning:

We will explore our school areas daily, observing seasonal changes including weather, growing and looking after plants and spotting habitats for different animals and insects. We also have our fantastic weekly forest school sessions with Mrs Garrod.