



# 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,

We have had such a wonderful week of exciting school events. Please do read all about them below.

*Have a lovely weekend!*

### **Shining Lights of the Week!**

**Ark Nursery**

**Mollie** for settling back into our class routines and being curious about her new learning.

**Antarctica (yr R)**

**Grayson** for being a curious and independent, completing some brilliant number work this week. Well done, Grayson!

**Oceania Class (yr 1)**

**Corey** for showing curiosity about the animals in our zoo visit, even though he was a little worried.

**Africa Class (yr 2)**

**Scarlett** for showing great curiosity and creativity. Scarlett has shown super independent thinking and working in all areas of learning.

**Europe Class (yr 3)**

**Theo** for showing independence and curiosity in his learning this week.

**S. America Class (yr 4)**

**Austin** for his positive approach towards his learning and work. Austin has worked well to stay focused and engaged in learning and completing his work with effort.

**Asia Class (yr 5)**

**Gethin** for supporting others during a computing lesson - he showed excellent knowledge and patience.

**N. America Class (yr 6)**

**Imogen** has worked really hard this week, continuing to offer more answers during class discussions. She has also really persevered with her WWII story.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE STALLS

The School Council were thrilled to receive so many delicious cakes to sell at their cake stall last week and today. Thank you to everyone who donated such a fabulous selection and to everyone who made a purchase too!

**WE RAISED A TOTAL OF £120.70**

### Take part in an exciting Blue Peter competition!

The Amazing Authors competition, run in partnership with The Reading Agency and BBC Arts, opens for entries from Friday 27 January 2023 and will ask young viewers to pen a short story or poem. The winning story will then be brought to life as a book and read as a CBeebies Bedtime Story. To find out more, watch Blue Peter today (Friday 27th January) and look on the Blue Peter website for details about how to enter: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-competition>



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# WOW MOMENTS!

**Rosie (yr 3) and Theo (yr 1)** have both gone up to the next stage in swimming and are both able to swim across the pool without floats.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijUMV7>

**The week's overall attendance – 96%**

**Asia Class (yr 5) – 98.8%**

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the half term
1	How have boats changed over time?
2	What is the continent of Europe like?
3	What are some of the most significant manmade landmarks of Europe?
4	What are tropical rainforests and where are they found?
5	What are some of the most significant borders in Asia?
6	What was trench warfare?

### E Safety

E-safety day is coming up in the next couple of weeks. Please continue to talk to your children about the importance of online safety and if you have any worries log it on our website for us to action as soon as possible. The children will take part in an afternoon of E-safety activities and have an E-safety assembly run by our very own digital leaders.

### Oceania (yr 1) and South America Class (yr 4)

Both years 1 and 4 were fortunate enough to have Kimmy's Zoo visit this week with some fantastic rainforest animals. They were lucky enough to meet a tree frog, a pair of sugar gliders, python, millipede, orchid praying mantis, a rainforest tortoise and a crested gecko! The children had so much fun!

For both classes this supported their learning this term; for year 1 in Science 'amazing animals' and for year 4 their topic and English about the layers of the rainforest these animals live on. One child in year 4 told his parents 'it was his best day ever' and he wrote a letter to his pen pal that evening to tell him all about it!



## Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala

Yesterday, Year 5 and 6 took part in a WNDSSP swimming gala at the UEA SportsPark. There were 11 schools taking part with nearly 90 children. A big thank you to parents and grandparents who came to watch and support us. We had a great morning coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in several races in our heat and winning one of the relays. Our overall placing was 6<sup>th</sup>, which is amazing. A special well done to Dolcie in Year 5 who came runner up in the Year 5 Girls Front crawl race, she won her heat with a time of 26 seconds. Also, well done to Ada who was awarded the competition value sticker and certificate for determination.



## Antarctica Class (Reception)

We have been learning about Lunar New Year and how this is celebrated across Asia & wider afield. We were very excited to see the costumes and dances and even got to try some yummy Chinese foods.



## We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day! We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC needs our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds

### Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. **Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.** To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

### Safe Fundraising

Please place your donations to support NSPCC's work in the buckets that your teachers will be holding at the front gate.

### It all adds up

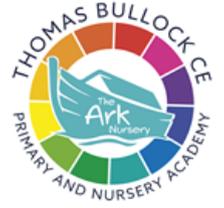
We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Thomas Bullock will make an enormous difference to children today and help NSPCC prevent abuse and be there for children. Thank you.

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



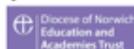
## This week

Our sound of the week was 'd'. We practised writing in the air, with paper and pencils and on the interactive whiteboard, saying our phrase "down the dinosaurs bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet". In Literacy, we completed our final week focusing on the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. Lots of our children arrived to school on their own wheels or uploaded a photo onto Tapestry – we had bikes, scooters and even one of our children sat on a motorbike! Alongside looking at these photos and discussing modes of transport we see daily, we were also introduced to new vehicles and ways to travel. 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 Lunar New Year. We talked about the meaning behind making lanterns for Lunar New Year and used scissors to make snips, making some of our own! We also practised our turn taking while playing games with Mrs Taylor.



## Next week

Our sound of the week will be 't' – our letter formation rhyme for 't' is "down the tower, across the tower" if you would like to practise at home! Our new literacy focus book is 'Hooray for Fish'. This will link to our afternoons where we will be learning about sea creatures, creating our own sea creature fossils and ocean watercolour paintings. Now we are familiar with maps of the world and our globe, we will explore different oceans and the sea creatures that live there.



## Learning links at home

- National hedgehog day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Can you make a hedgehog house in your garden? It's important to make sure hedgehogs are warm and cosy!
- Some animals that live under the sea have fins to help them move around. Other animals have legs to move around with. Can you think of some sea creatures that have fins and some that have legs?

## **DIARY DATES**

### **February**

7<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 trip to Duxford

9<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4/5 Dodgeball competition

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Bikeability Course\*

**Half term week Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day/Author visit\*

16<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Map Skills and Mini Orienteering Session

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre

20<sup>th</sup> School Photographer – whole class photos

31<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

### **April**

**Easter holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

17<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

18<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### **May**

1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS week

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 SATS week

**Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

6<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### **July**

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale

21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

\* New addition