

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

We have continued following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. Rosie the Hen even left us a letter on Monday, giving us instructions to find treasure around the school grounds! Please visit our school Facebook Page for a video of some of us re-telling the story – I am super proud! We've also been making marks and giving meanings to these marks on our own story maps, having first completed a shared one together as a class. We've also continued sorting in Maths, explored pumpkins with all of our senses and used watercolour paint to paint over our wax marks. The children told Mrs Taylor it was magic!



After Half Term

In Phonics, our focus is instrumental sounds. We will also take part in lots of activities to promote name recognition. We will continue sharing lots of books, whilst encouraging talk and discussion. In Maths, we will look at subitising, counting and numerals.

We are very excited to welcome new friends into our classroom after half term! Now our confidence has blossomed, we will be encouraging independence with things like putting on our own coats, clothes, shoes and having a go with buttons and zips.

Over half term, please continue to upload photos to Tapestry of the things you get up to at home. It is a fantastic talking point and the children love sharing what they have been up to with their friends!

Alongside other celebrations, Diwali falls during half term so in our first week back, we will explore the story of 'Rama and Sita'. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Having made connections between features of our own and other people's families, we will begin noticing differences between people.

Learning links at home (themed for Diwali)

- This week, you were sent home with a brown bag and some instructions. Collect Autumn treasures (coloured leaves, acorns, conkers) and glue them to a cardboard frame. Use your frame as a view-finder and take some Autumnal scenic pictures. Don't forget to upload photos to Tapestry!
- Ask a grown up to help you use a torch or lamp to make shadows on the wall with your hands. Can you make your hands look like different animals? Take turns to hold the torch or lamp and guess what each other's shadows are.
- Draw a circle onto a piece of paper. Then use lots of different colours and shapes to design a Rangoli pattern.
- Draw around your hand onto a piece of paper and then design a Mehndi pattern on it.