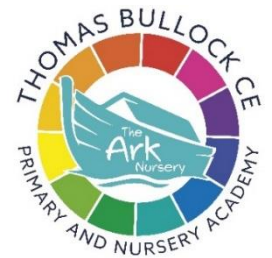


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



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 2nd 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?