



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 are delighted to end our fourth week back celebrating the newly elected student-led committees with a number of children starting their duties from Monday next week. Mrs Tinson our Chair of Governors was delighted to be able to hand out their badges during Celebration Assembly today. Below are the children from each class who are now leading the way with additional responsibilities across the school. House and Vice Captains have not yet been decided and will be announced next week.

Class	School Council	Eco Warriors	Ethos Team	Digital Leader	Digital Leader
Reception	Aurora	Jude	Joseph		
Year 1	Harrison	Hugo	Reggie		
Year 2	Dylan	Theo	Corey-Isaac		
Year 3	Hadley	Freya	George Ho	Imogen	Reuben
Year 4	Amelia	Ben	Kira	Lana	Freddie M
Year 5	Lily	Rosie	Isla	Fern	Cyril
Year 6	Esme	Caleb	Noah	Sophie	Gethin

There will be a change to the menu this coming Thursday 6th October



Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Robyn for being polite and respectful towards both adults and peers. Robyn is an incredibly thoughtful member of our class.

Antarctica Class (R)

Apphia for always being respectful towards others. She uses wonderful manners and is an excellent member of our class.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Albert for always showing respect for the people and places around him. He is ever so polite and always willing to help keep the classroom environment clean and tidy.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Tegan for always showing great respect towards the people and places around her. Tegan is always polite, well-mannered and thoughtful, being a great role model for others.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Imogen for showing respect all the time towards her peers and the adults in the classroom. Imogen is always kind and supportive. She is a fabulous role model to others.

S America Class (yr 4)

Alfie for his fantastic attitude towards learning. Alfie has approached every task with care and effort this week; really getting immersed into his learning. He has also secured a pen license. A huge well done, keep up the great work!

Asia Class (yr 5)

Ben for the perseverance shown in his presentation. He is working really hard with his handwriting and is also thinking more carefully about the layout of his work.

North America Class (yr 6)

Sophie for sharing brilliant ideas and answering questions in maths, explaining her calculations clearly.

This week's overall attendance – 96.1% Asia Class (yr 5) 99.3%

WOW MOMENTS!

Sophia (yr 4) won 2 gold medals at a national gymnastics' competition last weekend.

Tom (yr 5) and Martha (yr 1) took part in their first hockey tournament last weekend and both did really well.

Autumn B (yr 5) played in her first football match and got Man of the Match.

Rosie (yr 4) went to a show with her pony last weekend and came away with lots of rosettes including a 1st place and also completed her first clear round show jumping course.

Theo (yr 2) took part in his first football and rugby matches last weekend and thoroughly enjoyed them both.



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

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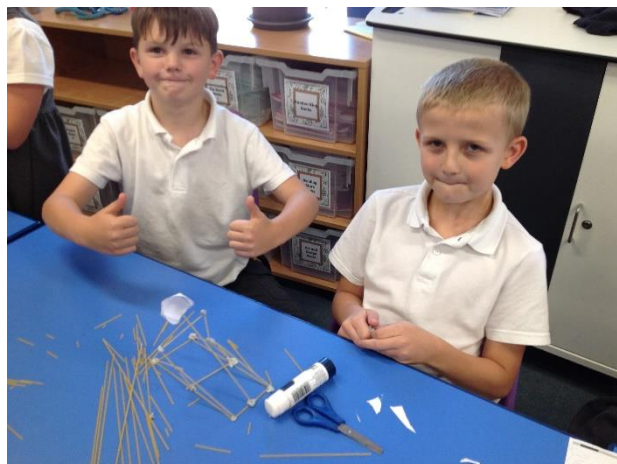


OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is it like in our local area?
2	Who was Queen Elizabeth I?
3	Where have people chosen to settle in the UK
4	Why was the Roman Army so successful in spreading the Roman Empire?
5	What was daily life like for the Anglo-Saxons?
6	Why was the River Nile important?

South America Class (yr 4)

Year 4 loved making their prototype catapults out of Spaghetti this week.



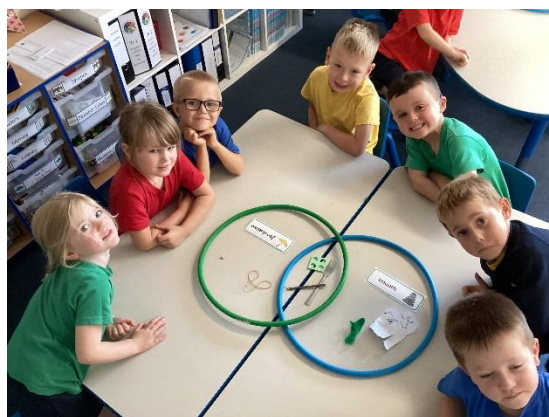
North America Class (Yr 6)

Year 6 have enjoyed learning a paragraph of our model text in groups and performing it using a story map and actions to the rest of the class!



Oceania Class (yr 1)

This week in Science lesson we had a go at sorting some materials by their properties. We found that some materials had more than one property and had to go in the middle of our hoop Venn diagrams!



Africa Class (yr 2)

This week we have started looking at poetry. We have been recognising rhyming words. We have been learning our actions for our new poems 'If I Was Queen' and 'If I Were a King'. We have dressed up as kings and queens ready to write our own!



REMINDERS...

School Photos

If you are not ordering your child's photo online and will be returning the order to school please can this be done by next Wednesday 5th October at the latest.

From Mrs Fowler our Literacy Leader

"Reading transforms the human brain, which transforms the mind, which transforms the life of every reader."
Maryanne Wolf

With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your children with their reading.

As well as listening to your child read, reading **to** your child, no matter what age they are, will engage them in discussion about books, developing their imagination, vocabulary and a love of stories!

Blue Peter Book Badge

Blue Peter have launched a new badge to celebrate a love of reading and books!



Designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake, the Blue Peter Book badge will be awarded to children aged 5-15 who send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love.

To find out more, visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Blue Peter online book club

The Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! Each month they will talk about a different book from their list and you can share out your thoughts on it too! There are also lots of fun activities, quizzes and challenges to try.



To find out more, visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

BBC Writing Competition

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday 10 November.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.



Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read,

Find out more here, with details on how to enter:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have listened carefully to the sounds of jungle animals – copying these sounds and making up actions. We have been on listening walks, sang lots of nursery rhymes and encouraged lots of talking! We have learnt all about matching – we've matched buttons, socks and played lots of matching games. We've used our focus book 'You Choose' to have lots of discussions surrounding ourselves, our families and our homes. We have created some beautiful artwork over the past few weeks, which is now up on display outside of our classroom!



Next week

In Literacy, we will continue to look at the book 'You Choose', creating our own double page for the book with all of our favourite things included. In Maths, we will continue with our focus on matching. We will look at matching number shapes, matching the same size and matching prints. We will continue focusing on speaking and listening, singing lots of nursery rhymes and having regular circle times.

Learning links at home

- Look around your home at your toys and teddies. Which are your favourites? Why?
- Cut up some sponges into circles, triangles and squares. Using paint, can you print with these? Can you print a matching pair of shapes using the same colour?
- Help an adult at home to pair up socks. Check they are the same size and same colour, with the same pattern!

DIARY DATES

October

- 3rd Yr 5 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
- 5th Phonics Workshop – Reception and Year 1 at 5pm
- 10th Yr 2 Sandringham
- 12th FOSS AGM at Golden Dog 7.30pm
- 17th Nursery and Reception (Sept 2024) Open afternoon 2pm
- 19th Harvest Festival at Church 2pm
- 30th Yr 4 Norwich Castle*

Half term 23rd – 27th October inclusive

November

- 1st Parents' Evening from 3pm
- 2nd Parents' Evening from 3pm
- 6th Maths Café for Nursery and Reception parents 2.30pm
- 9th Yr 3 Time & Tide Museum
- 17th Flu vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 12th Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm
- 14th Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 19th Christmas Lunch Day
- 20th Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church (TBC)
- 20th Last day of term

Christmas Holiday 21st December – 3rd January

January 2024

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th Children return to School

February

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

March

- 18th School Photographer (Class photos)
- 28th INSET Day School Closed

Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April inclusive

MAY

- 6th Bank holiday
- Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition

