



# Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy

## Autumn 1 Newsletter

### Ark Nursery Class



### Welcome back!

We hope you all had an amazing summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine! Miss Bell-Tye and the EYFS team are looking forward to welcoming you back. We have been busy improving our learning and role play areas!

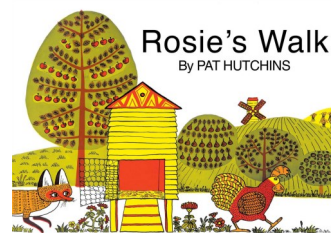
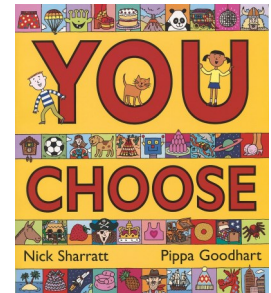
We begin with a theme of 'All About Me', learning about our feelings, talking about our family and friends and celebrating all of our differences.

Outdoor learning takes place everyday so it is important for children to have wellies and appropriate waterproof clothing, as well as named spare clothes to keep on their peg.

**Tapestry - please upload any snapshots from home for discussion points within class.**

### This half term's learning:

Our Literacy focus books are pictured below:



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

### Our Learning Objectives:

**Literacy** - We will be joining in with repeated phrases from stories and rhymes, showing children the different aspects of a book and how we hold and read them. We will also be looking carefully at images within a story and using vocabulary to describe these. Lots of fine motor and sensory activities will take place to support physical development, working towards a concentration on pencil grip. We will also be working on the children's ability to give meaning to the marks they make.

**Maths** - We will be learning lots of finger rhymes. We begin learning all about colours. We will then learn, practice and apply skills of numbers 1-3.

This will include finger counting, counting in everyday contexts, ordering and matching. Children will also learn to order items by size and name and describe a range of 2D shapes, whilst using them for a range of activities.

**Phonics** - We will begin with a focus on developing speaking and listening skills. Within this, we will look at: environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be talking lots about: who is in our class and school, feelings, classroom routines and forming friendships.

### Understanding the World / Expressive Arts & Design:

We will talk about ourselves and create self-portraits (which we can then compare with self-portraits towards the end of the year). We will be identifying our families and exploring the roles of people who help us. We will look at Harvest and giving thanks. We will join in with songs, begin to mix colours and build models using construction equipment, as well as many other daily creative activities.

### Physical Development:

We will be working on managing our own personal hygiene and developing our fine and gross motor skills, in readiness for beginning to hold a pencil / paintbrush beyond whole hand grasp.

### Outdoor Learning:

We will begin with learning how to be safe outdoors. We will play listening and recall games, explore our school areas alongside listening walks, observing seasonal changes and exploring Harvest!