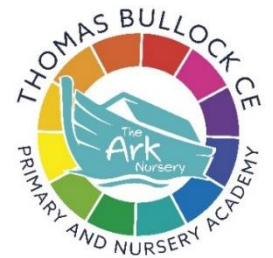


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We are **immensely** proud of the children's storytelling, singing and signing during our recorded Christmas performance of 'We're Going on a Star Hunt'. You can watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/user112981601/arknurserystarhunt?share=copy>.

In-between lots of Christmas crafts and activities, we were super excited during our Christmas lunch and Christmas party. We walked our Christmas cards to the post box on Monday and took home all of our wonderful Christmas decorations, 2024 calendars and artwork this week too. We also had hot chocolates with marshmallows while watching 'The Snowman' on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, we made our own Christingles and then took them on a stroll to church for our annual Christingle service. What a wonderful Christmassy couple of weeks!



Next half term

We will begin teaching our RWI phonics programme, starting with 2 sounds per week. Our focus book for the first two weeks will be Owl Babies – we will be joining in with re-telling the story using actions, learning new vocabulary and mark making on story maps. In Maths, we will look at subitising (when you are able to look at a group of objects and know how many there are, without having to count!) We will be following the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, as well as exploring owls further, linked to our literacy learning.

Have a fun-filled (and restful) Christmas and a very Happy New Year! We look forward to our return in the New Year 😊