



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 the Nightingale Federation

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Maths Cafes in years 1, 2 and 3. Thank you for supporting our school events and sharing such fabulous feedback. Looking below you will see we have a range of notices of forthcoming event days this term. **In addition an e-safety parent session has been arranged for 3pm on Tuesday 6th February, e-safety Day, we look forward to seeing you then.**

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Number Day

This year Number Day is being held on Friday 2nd February and we invite children to come to school in 'Number Day' clothing. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it or get creative by dressing in a maths or number scheme.

Children's Mental Health Day

'Dress in your favourite clothes' for Children's Mental Health Day is on Friday 9th February and not 11th February as informed in last week's newsletter.

Word Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and the children can come to school dressed up as a book character. We will send a more detailed letter out closer to the time with the World Book Day token as last year.

School Council

Mrs O'Sullivan and the Student Council met this week and at the meeting the Student Councillors thanked the Friends of Shipdham School for the new KS1 Music Equipment which the children really enjoy. The children have decided they want to continue fundraising for a Log Swing with a basket for KS2. Therefore, they will run a Valentines Cake Sale on Wednesday 14 February. Please can we request baked goods from parents on this day! The children also decided they wanted to open the library more often at break and lunchtimes and to include new books. The fabulous new Book Club have given a list which have been ordered.

Uniform

Please be reminded of our uniform policy, including correct PE kit here:

<http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/parents-hub/uniform/>

Please remember to label all uniform – thank you!

Snacks and Allergies

We have noticed a variety of items being eaten at breaktime for snack. As part of our drive to be a 'Healthy School' we request that fruit and veg are consumed at breaktimes.

Reminder... We are a **Nut Free** school please do not include items in packed lunches containing nuts.

Have a lovely weekend!



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Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Emileigh** for being a kind friend to her peers. Emileigh is the first one there if a friend needs help putting their coat or shoes on. If anyone is upset, she will be quick to comfort them and let an adult know.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Billy-Joe** for his wonderful efforts all round! He has come to school this term ready and engaged in his learning and is making brilliant progress across all areas.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Sonny** for his excellent maths work during our Maths Cafe. He showed his dad lots of the mathematical skills he has picked up in lessons such as subitising and addition.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Aiden** for demonstrating our value of creativity. Aiden has used his imagination in English to write a wonderful and creative poem.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Kai** for demonstrating the value of creativity this week and using his imagination to write his own fable. Super impressed with your work this week well done!
- S America Class (yr 4) **Halle F** for her hard work in Maths this week. Halle has listened well to apply a new method of formal written multiplication; working through her calculations thoroughly and checking her answers. Great job!
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Autumn B** for perseverance shown in Maths. She has worked very hard to master the formal long multiplication method and can now successfully multiply a 3 digit number by a 2 digit number.
- North America (yr 6) **Jacob** is our shining light this week for working hard and persevering, especially in maths!

This week's overall attendance 96% Asia Class (yr 2) 98%

WOW MOMENTS!

Dottie (year 1) took her Primary Modern Dance Exam recently & passed with a Distinction!

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

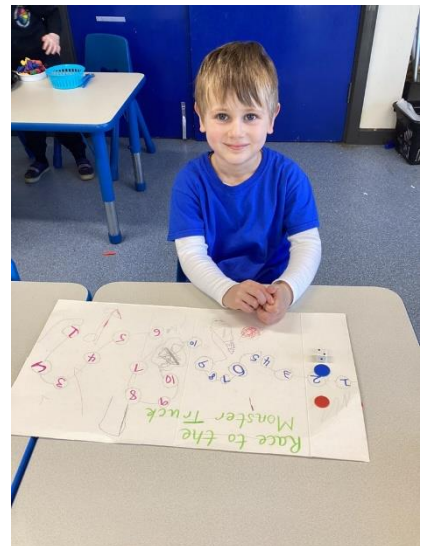
OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What transport did people use in the past?
2	What are the five oceans that make up planet Earth?
3	What are some of the key physical features of Europe?
4	What are the key human features of South America?
5	What are the key human features of Asia?
6	Who fought for Britain in the First World War?



Antarctica Class (year R)

Last week in Maths we explored subitisation using dice patterns and enjoyed playing track games to consolidate this. Antarctica class were set a homework challenge to further extend and reaffirm their learning by creating their own number track games at home. We are so proud of their efforts and the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing these with their friends in class this week.



Reception Class – Phonics Workshop 29th January at 2.45pm

Reception parents, please join Mrs Marjoram in the Marquee for a Phonics workshop and information session to support your children with their learning in phonics, reading and writing.



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Maths Café (years 1, 2 and 3)

Thank you to all the parents that came. We all had a fantastic time and we hope you enjoyed yourselves too!

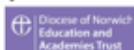
It was Domino Day at the Maths Cafe in Year One on Wednesday! Dominic the domino man had lots of fun activities all based around dominoes. We showed the visiting grown-ups how quick we are at subitising, our understanding of odd and even numbers, the different strategies we have for adding and of course... we made a domino runs played a game of dominoes.



In Year 2 we read 'The Shopping Basket' and applied our money knowledge in some Maths activities. We were super pleased to have some adults in to help us and to show them our fantastic maths skills.

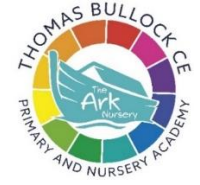


In year 3 we enjoyed welcoming the parents to our maths cafe. We read the story "How many legs?" and used our mental maths, number bonds, doubles and multiplication to solve the main challenge in the story. Lots of our children got the answer correct and we were very impressed with the strategies and maths discussions that took place. The children then worked with their parents to solve lots of other word problems using their multiplication and addition to solve them.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



This week's sounds have been 'd' and 't'. The children have been enjoying our Fred Talk and Fred Games with Fred the Frog! In Literacy, we were introduced to our story of 'Star in the Jar' after finishing our 'Owl Babies' learning on Tuesday. The children have been enjoying their topic learning this week too. They have used maps and globes to explore the world - looking at where they live and noticing the differences between hot and cold countries, as well as learning the Seven Continents Song! The children have also been investigating light and dark - they particularly enjoyed exploring the classroom with torches and making shadows. We enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor learning this week too. They talked all about the frozen pond, role played "fixing the house" and did lots of physical activity to keep warm!



Next week

During RWI Phonics, we will learn all about sounds 'i' and 'n'. We will be writing initial sounds and will continue to write our names daily and making name rockets, linked to our space learning. As part of our learning and discussions surrounding our focus book 'Star in the Jar', we will be making our own stars in jars. In Maths, we will continue to learn all about the number 4 - the composition of 4, 4 sided shapes and subitising! During our afternoons, we will continue our space themed learning, as well as learning more about our country and comparing it to colder and hotter countries too.

Learning links at home

- Lots of animals have 4 legs. Ask a grown-up to help you find some animal photos in books, magazines or on the internet. Which animal is your favourite? How many legs does it have? Draw a picture of your favourite four-legged animal.
- Squares and rectangles are shapes that have 4 straight sides. Can you spot anything square or rectangle shaped in your home? Have a go at drawing some to make a robot!



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DIARY DATES

January

29th Reception Phonics Workshop 2.45pm*

February

2nd Number Day - Dress up Day*

6th Yr 6 Trip to Duxford (8.30 – 4.30)

6th e-safety Day parents session at 3pm*

9th Non uniform – dress in your favourite clothes for Mental Health Week*

14th School Council Cake Sale*

14th Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments

15th Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

March

4th Yr 2 Geography Visitor*

4th to 5th Yr 5 residential to The Horstead Centre

7th World Book Day – Dress Up Day*

18th School Photographer (Class photos)

20th Parent/Teacher Appointments

21st Parent/Teacher Appointments

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