



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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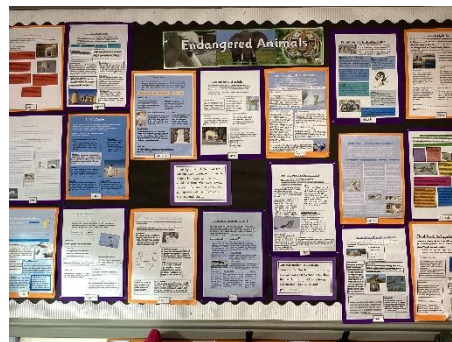
## NEWSLETTER

26th January 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation

It has been an absolute delight to spend time in classes over the last two weeks at both schools and observe our pupils learning. The sequence of learning across school is excellent. In Maths you could see division taught sequentially and progressively from Year 1 to Year 6. With each year group teaching the next stage for independence and security in maths skills and knowledge. This was followed up with some excellent training from our Maths Mastery Specialist and Maths Leader Miss Newcombe.

Additionally, our learning walls have all been updated today with our recent Geography learning. Please see below for pictures:



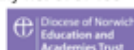
Next week we look forward to inviting our Governors into Thomas Bullock for our half-termly meeting. The following meeting, in March, will take place at Lyng.

Mrs O'Sullivan

**Have a lovely weekend!**



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## ***Shining Lights of the Week!***

- Ark Nursery **Charlie** for settling so well into Ark Class. Charlie has been talking confidently to her peers, as well as the adults, role playing and joining in with nursery rhymes.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Ella** for her wonderful attitude towards learning this week. She has been a superstar in the classroom all round this week; trying her best and being a kind friend also.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Jacob** for sharing his fantastic animal knowledge in Science, particularly about reptiles during our 'reptiles and amphibians' week!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Daisy** for her constant positivity in school. Daisy always looks for ways to help others and make those around her smile.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Jacob** for his creativity in English using fantastic descriptive phrases and joining in with class discussions.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Florence** for her creativity in her use of language in English. Flo has made the start of her non-chronological report on the rainforests gripping for the reader with her choice of word placement and vocabulary. Well done!
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Fern** for the determination and perseverance she has shown with her reading. She has made great progress with both her fluency and comprehension.
- North America (yr 6) **Logan H** for his fantastic effort in English, writing a story about a World War Two soldier.

**This week's overall attendance 94.5%    Antarctica Class (yr R) 97.8%**

### OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
<b>1</b>	How have boats changed over time?
<b>2</b>	What is the continent of Europe like?
<b>3</b>	What are some of the most significant man-made landmarks of Europe?
<b>4</b>	What are tropical rainforests and where are they found?
<b>5</b>	What are Asia's natural borders?
<b>6</b>	What was trench warfare?

### REMINDER...

#### **Reception Class – Phonics Workshop 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Antarctica Class (Reception)

Antarctica Class have been very excited to welcome their new friend, Boris! Boris is a bear who loves to read. Each day, the child of the day will take Boris home to cuddle up and share some stories with. Boris has a notebook for families to share what they've read and we cannot wait to hear about all of the tales he will be part of!



## South America Class (yr 4)

In Art, we have been looking further into the skills of our focus artist this half term, William Morris. We experimented printing leaves onto different fabric surfaces as we know his work is inspired by nature. This week we are continuing to make our own printing blocks to create some fabric prints.



## Asia Class (yr 2)

In Science this week we have been on a plant hunt around school grounds and investigating habitats. Linking this to Art, the children have been mixing primary colours to create secondary colours and matching shades to nature.



## Asia Class (yr 5)

Year 5 completed some meditation during their forest school session this morning. They found a less windy(!) spot to place down the tarps, before getting themselves in a comfortable position to listen to their surroundings. Some of the children definitely fell asleep! They also talked all things tree safety with Mrs Garrod, and enjoyed some time to explore the KS1 field area and musical instruments!



## Swimming Gala

Some children from years 5 and 6 took part in a Swimming Gala at the UEA Sportspark this week where 12 other schools also took part. Team TB competed in front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke races as well as relays. Well done to Dolcie in year 6 who won the year 6 breaststroke race and was runner up in the front crawl race. The year 6 mixed team were also runners up in the freestyle relay. The competition value was determination and was awarded to Olivia in year 6. Overall Team TB finished joint 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank all the parents/grandparents who came to support us and watch.



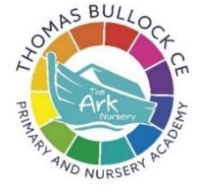
## Lego Club

A full Lego Club have been enjoying building, creating and having fun after school at the club run by Mr Johnson. This week they have been creating their 'dream house'. They are lucky to have received two huge new boxes of Lego to help them along!



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



Our sounds of the week this week were 'i' and 'n'. We practised writing in the air, with paper and pencils and on the interactive whiteboard, saying our phrases "down the body and dot for the head" and "down Nobby and over his net". In Literacy, we had lots of meaningful discussions surrounding our story of 'Star in the Jar', as well as making our own stars in jars. 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 more about the world, using our holiday photos to place on a map! We've practised our name recognition by making name rockets. We had so much fun with Ms Drake in music, using the shakers slow and fast too. We also started our growing outside – sweet peas, flower seeds and spring bulbs!



Next week

Our sounds of the week will be 'p' and 'g'. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?



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## DIARY DATES

### January

29<sup>th</sup> Reception Phonics Workshop 2.45pm

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> Number Day - Dress up Day

6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Trip to Duxford (8.30 – 4.30)

6<sup>th</sup> e-safety Day parents session at 3pm

9<sup>th</sup> Non uniform – dress in your favourite clothes for Mental Health Week\*

14<sup>th</sup> School Council Cake Sale

14<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments

15<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments

**Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive**

### March

4<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Geography Visitor

4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 residential to The Horstead Centre

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day – Dress Up Day

18<sup>th</sup> School Photographer (Class photos)

20<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Appointments

21<sup>st</sup> Parent/Teacher Appointments

28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

**Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

### MAY

6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday

**Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### JULY

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

\*New Addition