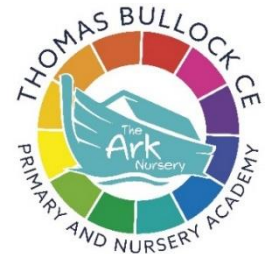


# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## 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?