

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

We had a strange start to the week but it was wonderful to see photos of what you got up to on your extra day at home! We started each day with phonics as usual and we've been practising some super segmenting and blending for word reading! In Literacy we have continued our learning surrounding the story 'Hooray for Fish'. We drew our own sea creatures and made up our own story about them too! We've also been practising our letter formation for the sounds we have learnt so far. During Maths, we learnt about the composition of 5. Lots of children were excitedly shouting "3 and 2 makes 5", "4 and 1 makes 5!" This week has been Children's Mental Health Week – alongside lots of talking activities and paying each other compliments, we took part in some activities based on the story of 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly'. We also learnt all about Chinese New Year, as well as exploring things you'd find in the sea or on the shore and making our own planet handprints, inspired by artist Jackson Pollock!



Next Week

We will be learning the sound 'k', before we then consolidate learning of the sounds we have learnt so far this half term. We will continue our learning surrounding 'Hooray for Fish' in Literacy, as well as playing lots of speaking and listening games alongside. We will consolidate our maths learning for the half term too. During our afternoons, we will have Pancake Day and Valentine's Day themes and we'll be following child interest with our role play!

Learning links at home

- Draw a large 5 frame outside. In what way can you fill the frame? 4 leaves and 1 stick? 3 stones and 2 flowers? Discuss how they have filled the 5 frame.
- Make a tower of 5 using 2 different blocks. Say what you have made, e.g. I have made 5 using 2 white cubes and 3 yellow cubes.
- We are learning about dinosaurs after half term. What do you already know about dinosaurs? Can you name some?