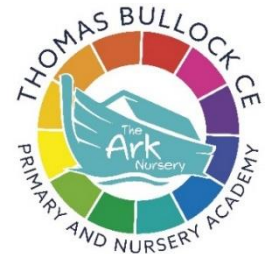


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have settled back in wonderfully after the Christmas holidays, welcoming new friends into our classroom too! We started our RWI phonics with our 3-4-year olds by learning the sound 'm' last week. This week's sounds have been 'a' and 's' – the children enjoyed searching for 's' in the sand, as well as writing the letter 'a' on apples! We've been writing our names daily too. We have been exploring the book of 'Owl Babies' in Literacy. We story mapped and re-told the story together and towards the end of the week, starts to make missing posters for the missing Mummy Owl. In Maths, we have learnt all about the number 3 – counting to 3, recognising the number 3 numeral, the composition of 3 and subitising, as well as playing lots of games! During our afternoons together, we have learnt all about owls, painted our own owl pictures, explored ice (freezing and melting) and we've done lots of role playing and playing social games to build confidence and make new friends! We also had our first PE games sessions with Mrs Greenland – these were super fun!



Next week

Our focus sounds in RWI phonics will be 'd' and 't'. We will continue with our Owl Babies learning for two days, before moving onto exploring our new Literacy focus book of 'Star in the Jar'. Don't forget to bring in your jars, ready for making our own stars in jars! In Maths, we will be looking at the number 4. During our afternoons, we will look at other countries in the world, with a focus on comparing our country to colder countries. We will then begin comparing the animals that live in our country and arctic animals in future weeks.

Learning links at home

- Place teddies into piles of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Can you look at the pile and know how many there are (subitising), without needing to count?
- Talk to the people at home about what has wheels – or spot things whilst out on a walk!
- What can you think of that begins with 's'? Go on a hunt around your house!