



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

Thank you all so much for joining our Parents' evenings this week. It is always a pleasure to invite families in to discuss their pupils' learning and success thus far in the year.

Events this coming week!

Open Afternoon

We are holding an Open Afternoon on March 25th from 1:15pm. All are welcome to come and see our fabulous school. On hand answering questions will be our Leadership team, Governors, and a DNEAT Estates Trust Representative. Please do share this event with friends and neighbours within our community that might be considering joining now or in the future.

Easter Service

Everyone welcome to our Easter Service at All Saints Church at 1.30pm. After the service all children will be returning to school.

Notices and Reminders

Change of Menu

There will be a change of menu on the last day of term, Wednesday 27th March. The usual options will be available but the main and vegetarian choices have been changed to Fish Fingers and Veggie Fingers.

Spelling Bee

Our annual Spelling Bee, Sponsored Spellathon will be held w/c April 22nd. Please do support your child to learn the words, from the list sent home this week. We have sent details of how your child might be sponsored for this event. This year fundraising will go towards an outdoor reading area and school games for our free enrichment clubs. It is always an exciting and fun event which the children enjoy.

Back to School

A reminder that we return after the Easter Holiday on Monday 15th April



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Shining Lights of the Half Term

Ark Nursery	<p>Henry for consistently taking responsibility of his own belongings, our classroom resources and supporting his friends with keeping our classroom tidy.</p> <p>Robyn for being a thoughtful, kind and supportive friend. Robyn is always on hand to show her friends where classroom resources belong and will be first on scene for anyone who is upset!</p>
Antarctica Class (R)	<p>Esme & Joseph for showing the value of responsibility, consistently this half term. Both have demonstrated they are responsible for not only their own actions and belongings, but have also shown great pride in doing so for our class.</p>
Oceania Class (yr 1)	<p>Jude for really taking responsibility for his own learning recently and making some fabulous progress.</p> <p>Martha for being a very responsible member of the class this half term, taking her monitor roles very seriously.</p>
Africa Class (yr 2)	<p>Fred for always taking great responsibility for his learning. Fred always puts in maximum effort which shows in his wonderful work.</p> <p>Tegan for being an extremely responsible member of our class. Tegan takes great responsibility for her own learning, our classroom and encourages others to do the same.</p>
Europe Class (yr 3)	<p>Evie-Mae always thinks carefully and deeply about her learning and knows the value of hard work.</p> <p>Kai for showing great responsibility of his learning and thinking about what he can do to keep making progress.</p>
S America Class (yr 4)	<p>Dexter and Pria for always taking responsibility over their learning and our classroom as a whole. They are both always making sure themselves and others have what they need for lesson and keeping our learning environment tidy. Both of them always try their very best.</p>
Asia Class (yr 5)	<p>Max and Leila for taking responsibility for their learning by working hard, listening carefully and acting on feedback. Well done!</p>
North America (yr 6)	<p>Lacey for taking responsibility for her learning. She always works hard and puts in so much effort in every lesson.</p> <p>Reuben for being a responsible member of the class. He takes great responsibility for his learning and is always kind to others.</p>

This week's overall attendance 94.4% South America Class (yr 4) 97%

WOW MOMENTS!

Jacob (yr 1) demonstrated a KIAI (kee-igh) with confidence to the rest of the karate group this week.

Elizabeth (yr 4) has managed to complete level 1 and 2 and has now been moved up to level 3 in swimming.

Amelia (yr 4) completed a rising trot without holding on, demonstrating good balance during her riding lessons this week

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	How have humans travelled in Space?
2	Why are some parts of Earth hot and some parts cold?
3	What is it like in Rome?
4	How are rivers used?
5	What are the secondary consequences of a volcanic eruption or an earthquake?
6	What measures were put in place to maintain peace after the Second World War?

Wraparound Care

The booking form for next half term's breakfast and after school club is now available to book on to.

Click on the following link here: <https://forms.gle/p2kk2V44awUvNgbD6>

Asia Class (yr 5)

On Wednesday Year 5 took part in an Asian food experience. First, they looked at different ingredients before tasting a range of food including vegetable stir fry, egg fried rice and prawn crackers. Then they were shown how to make sushi before having a go themselves.



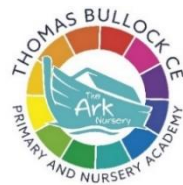
North America Class (yr 6)

Below are some photos of the air-raid shelters the children made last week- they put so much effort into them and we have some great designs, including some made of cake!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We've had another busy week in Ark Class. We have been watching the frogspawn grow little tails and the tadpoles have been getting larger and larger, with signs of little legs beginning to grow too! We observed and gently held the chicks, exploring their life cycles as well. During phonics, we have learnt sounds 'r' and 'j' this week. We've been exploring the story of 'Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp', repeating phrases and thinking about what the footprints in our classroom might be from. We learnt all about capacity during our maths sessions, using the water and sand to experiment ourselves, repeating our new vocabulary. During our afternoons, we have talked all about life cycles, Easter, dinosaurs, forces (pushing and pulling), fossils and weather (specifically the weather that creates rainbows!) We also really enjoyed our PE with Mrs Greenland!



Next week

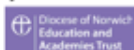
Next week, we will be recapping the sounds we have learnt so far in phonics. We will begin our learning based around the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', but will also be introduced to the story 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' too! During our maths sessions, we will consolidate our learning from this half term. We will learn the differences in our families and our own appearances. We will also have lots of Easter themed activities, as well as our Easter service at the church on Wednesday afternoon. We will host an Easter themed stay & play on Monday 2-3pm.

Learning links at home

- Go for a walk or visit a farm or park. What animals did you see? Can you see any flowers growing? You could take some photos or draw a picture of something.
- Which animals come from eggs? Talk about baby animals and how to care for them.
- We have introduced the touch screen chromebooks to the children this week. We've practised navigating them, as well as playing some counting games. A particular favourite of ours was the ladybird spot counting game: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>. Have a practise at home!



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DIARY DATES

March

- 25th Open Afternoon – 1.15pm
- 27th Yr 4 Dereham Railway
- 27th Easter Service at Church 1.30pm
- 28th INSET Day School Closed

Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April inclusive

APRIL

- 15th Return to School
- 17th Yr 2 SATs briefing to parents (time to be confirmed)
- 23rd Year 1 Phonics briefing to parents (time to be confirmed)
- 26th Spelling Bee Final*
- 25th Bag 2 School

MAY

- 1st Yr 5 Trip to Gressenhall – Victorian Day
- 6th Bank holiday
- 7th & 8th Yr 5 Level 2 Cycling
- 8th Federation Sports Event*
- 13th – 17th Year 6 SATs week
- 20th – 24th Year 2 SATs week

Half term 27th – 31st May

JUNE

- 24th Yr 2 Trip to Banham Zoo

JULY

- 11th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach*
- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition