



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

Despite being a cold, wet and windy week, it has been wonderful to return to school following the Easter break and a super start to the Summer term. In Collective Worship we introduced our new value for the half term, 'Resilience'. Along with a visit from Reverend Laura children have started to unpick the meaning of resilience and techniques for sticking to a task. They also reflected upon a story about sharing any worries that you may have. Throughout the half term, each week we will be learning about different aspects linked to our theme.

The children have been busy bringing in their home learning projects. We recognise how hard all families work on these with the children, and are very grateful for your involvement in our pupils' learning. Please do use the Key Learning Questions within the Newsletter each week as conversation starters about what the children have been learning in school. Below are some photos from years 2 and 4. Year 4's project was to make a Mayan Mask and in year 2 they could choose between 'People who made History' or 'Protecting the Environment'.

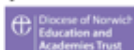


OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is the United Kingdom?
2	What makes someone significant?
3	Does everywhere in the world have the same climate?
4	When and where did the Ancient Maya live?
5	What was the Industrial Revolution?



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Shining Lights of the Week

- Ark Nursery **Hallie** for her increased confidence and independence. Hallie has been retelling the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with us, repeating familiar phrases. She has also developed her independence with finding her own coat and wellies and is beginning to put these on herself too!
- Antarctica Class (R) **George Ta** for his enthusiasm for learning this week and brilliant efforts in phonics.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Hugo** for persevering with his phonics and working hard at memorising the graphemes he is working on.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Sienna** for coming back to school with an amazing attitude towards learning. She has come back super excited and has made wonderful contributions to class discussions.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Nellie** for working hard to improve her formal written methods in maths, really taking ownership of her learning.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Freddie B** for his fantastic attitude towards learning. Freddie has approached tasks with care and effort this week; really getting immersed into his learning.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Lily-Grace** for the positive attitude she has shown to her work this week. She has been working very hard and trying her best.
- North America (yr 6) **Max J** for a sensible and positive approach to our SATs revision sessions and booster session this week.

This week's overall attendance 97.2% Europe Class (yr 3) 100%

WOW MOMENTS!

Freddie M (yr 4) During a fishing trip with his dad in the Easter holidays, Freddie caught a personal best carp completely unassisted. It took him ten minutes to land it and was almost too heavy for him to hold up for a photo! As you can see he managed very well!



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

After settling back in and having lots of discussions surrounding our Easter breaks, we welcomed some new friends to our class on Tuesday and Wednesday. We explored our outdoor environments, looking for signs of spring. We spotted more blossom than we saw before Easter, lots of green leaves and a field full of daisies and dandelions! We also went out on our very own bear hunt, linked to our literacy focus book of the week, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We've continued our discussions surrounding growing, whilst planting various flower and sunflower seeds and beans and peas. We've been continually observing our tadpoles, froglets and even some frogs! Some of the baby frogs have gone to live in Mrs Carter's pond and we're looking forward to watching the rest grow their legs, lose their tails and become frogs too. As well as whole class letter writing each day with our older children, we have also swapped some of our daily dough disco's after lunch for a 'get squiggling' session where we are able to practise our pencil control and draw insects, animals and objects too.



Next week

We will begin our literacy sessions focused around the book 'Errol's Garden'. Our phonics sounds will be 'w' and 'z'. We will look at positional language during our maths sessions. In the afternoons, we will continue exploring plants and life cycles, comparing baby to adult and begin our learning surrounding religious hats. Please upload baby photos to Tapestry in readiness for our learning next week (unless you sent one last year – I still have those!)

Learning links at home

Try growing some plants or flowers at home. You could try planting some seeds in a pot and putting it on a sunny window sill. Remember to give your seeds some water! Cress seeds grow quite quickly or you could try planting some flowers. We have lots of seeds at school, just let us know if you'd like some to plant at home! Go for a walk with a grown-up around a garden or park. Look carefully to see what plants and flowers you can see growing. You could take some photos or draw some pictures of the things you see.

Reminders ... Next Week in School

Spelling Bee

We will be holding our annual sponsored Spelling Bee next week. The top achievers will take part in a whole school Spelling Bee on Friday. **All children are invited to dress as bees on the day!** So get practising and finding sponsorship – both to help raise the profile of spelling and raise money for the school at the same time!

Tuesday 23rd April at 2.45pm

Year 1 Phonics briefing to parents – come along to learn more about how the upcoming phonics checks for year 1 are implemented and how you can help support your child.

Thursday 25th April

FOSS Bags to School - Donations of clothes in the bags sent home before Easter can be brought into school during the week, ready for collection on the 25th.

DIARY DATES

23rd Year 1 Phonics briefing to parents 2.45pm*

26th Spelling Bee Final

25th Bag 2 School

29th & 30th – Year 5 Cycling Training (group 1)

MAY

1st Yr 5 Trip to Gressenhall – Victorian Day

6th Bank holiday

8th Federation Sports Event

9th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

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

1st Sport Day*

8th Reserve Sports Day*

11th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach

18th Last day of term

19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition

