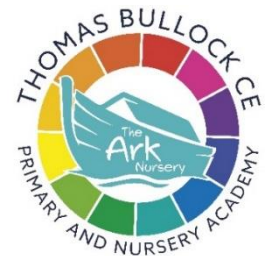


# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## 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.