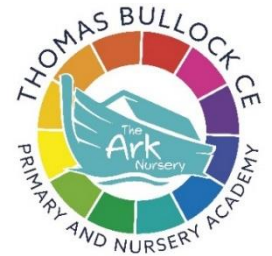


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have been busy this week, completing some hands-on learning based around 'Errol's Garden'. We also welcomed in some caterpillars to the classroom! We can't wait to watch these grow, alongside our tadpoles, froglets and frogs. We have also learnt new sounds 'w' and 'z'. In maths, we have been superstar learners – the children picked up positional language vocabulary so quickly! We compared babies and children, noticing their differences. We looked at our own baby photos, talking about how each of us has changed. We also had lots of fun measuring ourselves against baby clothes!



Next week

Our RWI phonics sounds will be 'x'. We will begin our literacy learning based around the fun story book 'The Runaway Pea', whilst reading and talking all about 'The Hungry Caterpillar' too – linked to the real-life experience of having caterpillars to observe in our classroom. This will also be a focus during some of our afternoons too. In maths, we will look at 'more than' and 'fewer'. We are also continuing to look at growth of babies – all the way through to adults this week. As well as this, we will explore lifecycles, and much much more!

Learning links at home

- Play 'I spy' – instead of using initial sounds, use positional vocabulary. For example, say "I spy something that is **under** the bed" or "I spy something that is **behind** the chair".
- Play 'Hide and Seek' with a selection of toys. Hide the toys around the house. Your child can ask you questions to help them find the toys. Use positional words to describe where you have hidden the toys. For example, "It is underneath..." or "It is next to...".
- Go on a listening walk outside. Close your eyes and see what you can hear. Can you talk about the different sounds that you can hear? Are they quiet or loud sounds? What do you think they might be?