



# Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy

## Summer 1 Newsletter

### Ark Nursery Class



### Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful and fun Easter break!

This half term, our focus is 'How do we grow? (Growth and Change)'. We will continue growing within our classroom, before our plants are ready to be out in the sunshine!

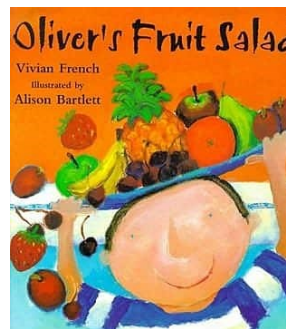
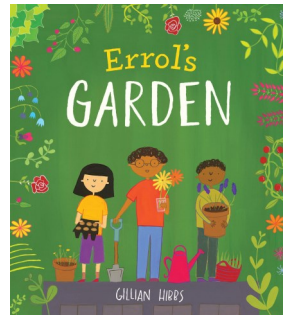
Outdoor learning takes place everyday so it is important for children to have named wellies and appropriate waterproof clothing, as well as named spare clothes to keep on their peg.

As well as constantly developing physically within our classroom and outdoor areas, our 3 and 4 year old's have a short PE slot on a Friday morning with Mrs Greenland too. Please arrive at school wearing trainers.

Tapestry - our focus is on growing this term, including ourselves, so please upload any baby photos you have of your child onto Tapestry. We plan to add these to our class timeline for the children to see and compare!

### This half term's learning:

Our Literacy focus books *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* are pictured below:  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office!

### Our Learning Objectives:

**Literacy** - In literacy, through the Talk 4 Writing approach, we will be promoting discussion. We will learn new vocabulary, use longer sentences to describe what we see and give opinions. As well as lots of talking, recognising rhyme, role playing and verbal story telling, we will also make marks on story maps and mountains. Some of us will begin to recognise initial sounds for words, writing these down on paper with a pencil. We will also look at instructions for growing and caring for plants.

**Maths** - During our maths sessions, we will look at: sequencing, positional language, more than / fewer and 2D and 3D shapes.

**RWI Phonics** - We will continue learning 2 new sounds per week, with a big focus on consolidation too. This half terms sounds: v, y, w, z, x. We will then be introduced to special friends, starting with: sh, th, ch and qu. We will also continue looking at initial sounds, as well as segmenting and blending CVC words. Please continue to watch the RWI Elly and Fred videos shared with you on Tapestry. We will also be sending home our RWI sound blending books this term - an exciting opportunity for our older children to show you the sounds they've learnt and for you to support our classroom learning based around segmenting and blending.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** We will begin our focus child of the day, where one child receives compliments each day. As well as our daily focus on social skills, we will look at following rules, looking after the environment, ourselves and our peers, notice differences between people, sun safety and healthy eating.

**Understanding the World/Expressive Arts & Design:** Our focus this term is growing: growing plants and flowers, as well as how we have grown ourselves and continue to do so. We will use a timeline to explore our lifetimes, the events that have happened and how we have changed. We will be exploring a range of religions. We will use instruments in different ways and explore the artist Piet Mondrian, as well as lots of other daily creative activities! We will also observe our tadpoles, froglets and frogs, as well as caterpillars too.

**Physical Development:** We will continue working on managing our own personal hygiene, as well as developing our fine and gross motor skills. We have a PE session on a Friday morning and constant opportunities to develop physically within our classroom and outdoor areas. We have a new sit-in outdoor sand pit too - super exciting!

**Outdoor Learning:** We will continue to jump at any and all opportunities to be outdoors, each and everyday!