

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

Last week

We have continued following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. Videos and photos of our story retelling were uploaded to Tapestry for you to see – we were super impressed! We've also been making marks and giving meaning to these marks on our own story maps, having first completed a shared one together as a class. During our afternoons, we talked all about weather and made weather wheels, as well as exploring recycling as part of Recycle Week. The children used their knowledge of materials from the week before to place classroom and outdoor objects into the correct bins. The children love their music, forest school and PE Friday's too!



This week

The children have invented new settings for our story of 'Rosie's Walk' and have practised retelling their new version of the story. We've also consolidated sorting / matching in Maths.

We visited Shipdham church on Wednesday afternoon for our annual Harvest Festival where the children sang 'Oats and Beans and Barley Grow' beautifully. They loved seeing the features of the church and did some fantastic walking all the way there and back too! We explored rain a little deeper and made some rain shakers, comparing the noise of the rice falling in these to the rain we hear outside. We also spent some time outside collecting leaves and making leaf rubbings.



After Half Term

In Phonics, our focus will be instrumental sounds. Our older children will be introduced to some of our first RWI Set 1 sounds in their provision too. We will also take part in lots of activities to promote name recognition. We will continue sharing lots of books, whilst encouraging oracy. In Maths, we will look at subitising, counting and numerals.

We are very excited to welcome new friends into our classroom after half term! Now our confidence has blossomed, we will be encouraging independence with putting on our own coats, clothes, shoes and wellies and having a go with buttons and zips.

Over half term, please continue to upload photos to Tapestry of what you get up to at home.

It is a fantastic talking point and the children love sharing photos with their friends!

When we return, we will focus on Bonfire Night with discussions surrounding Guy Fawkes and safety and lots of creative activities alongside too! We will then explore the story of 'The Best Diwali Ever', alongside other linked stories and non-fiction books too. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Having made connections between features of our own and other people's families, we will begin noticing differences between people too.

Learning links at home

- Make a pattern with natural resources. You could use: acorns, leaves, conkers, sticks.
- Can you spot the pumpkins in the supermarkets? Where do you think they grow?
- We have talked lots about farmers harvesting wheat and this going to a mill to make flour. Find a recipe that uses flour and make something edible. Remember to tell us all about it and post photos to Tapestry!
- Upload photos of your half term adventures onto Tapestry for the children to discuss when we return!