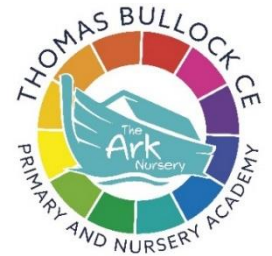


The Ark Nursery Newsletter



Last week

Last week we based our learning on 'The Gruffalo'. We retold the story many times with actions, repeating phrases from the story and doing more mark making! In Maths, we looked at AB patterns (e.g. red cube, green cube, red cube, green cube). Very excitingly, we decorated our class Christmas tree, put up some decorations and practised for our nativity lots (like last year, our performance will be a recorded and edited video for all to see!) During our afternoons, we spent lots of time outside, we talked all about the Nativity story and enjoyed using musical instruments.



This week

We have had a busy week of learning, alongside beginning our festive fun! In Literacy, we made our own stick people and used these to retell the story of 'Stick Man'. In Maths, we consolidated our learning of AB patterns, as well as being introduced to ABC patterns. We mixed together ingredients, rolled out salt dough and pressed festive shapes into the dough to create Christmas decorations. They are currently drying out before we decorate them in the final weeks before Christmas! We were very excited to see we had been visited again this year by our class elf called Elvis. We found him sitting at the top of the tree and read a letter from him together – he has been doing some very funny things since!



Next week

Alongside lots of fun Christmas activities, we will continue practising our songs, lines and actions for our recorded Christmas performance. In amongst all the excitement, we will continue consolidating AB and ABC patterns, before we move onto consolidating our maths learning. We will also continue looking at The Christmas Story.

Next week will see even more Christmas activities, the filming of our Christmas performance and lots of opportunity for talking! Please remember to bring in a named carrier bag for all of our belongings to come home.

Learning links at home

- Design some Christmas wrapping paper – can you use a repeating ABAB pattern in your design? You might have: green bauble, red bauble, green bauble, red bauble.
- Have a grown up cut circles, triangles, squares and rectangles out of coloured paper. Can you put them together to make a snowman? Can you give him a hat? And some buttons?
- Watch our book advent videos on our school Facebook page, where staff from school read a Christmas themed book each day for advent!
- Practise putting on your own hat, scarf, gloves and coat – what do we put on first?