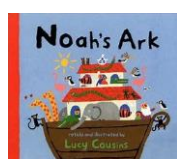


## Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 23.06.2025



### **Term 6 Topic- Water, water everywhere!**

#### **Our book of the week - 'Noah's Ark'**

We have enjoyed being out in the sun this week, and with the little splashes of rain we have had, we have kept our eyes open, in the hope of seeing a rainbow!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In our Jigsaw session this week, we thought about how we change as we grow up. We talked about how we have already changed from when we were a baby and how we will change as we get older, thinking about visible changes as well as our abilities. We shared what we are excited about being able to do when we grow up that we can't do now, and thought about how we should look after ourselves as we grow and change. We continue to be kind to our friends and work together to keep our school a happy, safe place. We try to use our learning muscles every day to help us improve.

Communication and Language- We continued to have interesting discussions about what happened in the story of 'Noah's Ark' and talked about what a promise is. We are very knowledgeable about rainbows and why they happen...ask us! We talked about the colours of the rainbow and how the primary colours mix to create secondary colours between them.

Physical Development- During outside time in the morning we have continued to practise for Sports Day. We know what it means to be in a team and can work well together in team. We have been practising for the obstacle race this week, the team throwing event and the relay race. We continue to enjoy exploring the trim trail, climbing and playing out on the field. We have been fantastic runners; completing lots of Golden Miles. Many of us are so close to achieving our first certificate of 5 miles; keep at everyone! We have practised our fine motor skills through writing, cutting, exploring playdough, sticking, painting, threading and using various building and constructing toys.

Literacy- We have really enjoyed listening to the story of 'Noah's Ark'. Some of us enjoyed making our own 'Noah's Ark' story books or retelling the story using props and our small world figures. We chatted about something we promise to do, such as tidying our bedroom and helping our mummies and daddies at home, and some of us wrote these promises down on clouds. We have continued to look at a variety of non-fiction books about water and have read lots of story books. Our teachers have listened to us read individually this week and they were really impressed! Remember to keep practising at home with your phonics books, as well as enjoying sharing time with an adult or sibling to listen to and share stories together.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s (just like Noah counted the animals in 2s) 5s, and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; counting up to 20 and back again; doubling, halving and sharing; forming our numbers correctly; saying

what is one more and one less than a given number. We were also practising counting on and back from a given number not always starting at 1. We have enjoyed creating lots of different repeating patterns. We have encouraged our friends to copy AB, AAB and ABBA patterns that we have created, and have challenged them further to spot and fix a mistake in the pattern.

Understanding the World- We are still enjoying using lots of different IT equipment as well as the computers and the interactive whiteboard on various programmes. We loved looking at the photographs of rainbows and finding out how they are formed. We have enjoyed exploring floating and sinking in our water trays this week. Ask us to tell you something that floats and something that sinks!

We have also been talking about places that are special to us and places we enjoy visiting. Many of us shared the parks as being a favourite place to play with our friends, as well as enjoying time at the cycle park and at the Folly where can play hide and seek, play on the piano, and enjoy finding the hidden animals amongst the trees.

Expressive Arts and Design- We continue to be very creative. We have painted paper plate Noah's Arks, painted animals in pairs that lived on the Ark, painted and coloured rainbows and enjoyed using junk to create our own arks. I wonder if they will float or sink? We continue to enjoy playing in our class role-play areas.

#### Supporting learning at home

- Why not have a go at making a boat like Noah at home? Does it float?
- Enjoy some splashing in the paddling pool this weekend (if it is warm enough). You could even try making your own rainbow by spraying water in the sunshine!
- Could you count up in 2's like Noah did when counting the animals onto the Ark? And practise counting in 10s, 5s and perhaps try different numbers- 3s, 4s and even 100s!!
- Please ensure you are reading books daily and keep it up over the school holidays to ensure your child is ready for Year 1.
- Keep practising for Sports day at home and at the park. How fast can you run? How far can you throw a ball? How many jumps does it take to get across your garden?

#### **Reading Tip**

Read your book at least three times at home. Then quiz your grown up about your book to find out if they have been listening! You could ask; Who are the characters in the book? What happens at the beginning/middle/end? What is your favourite part? What might happen next?

#### Notes for next week: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

- Please remember sun hats, sun cream and water bottles daily.
- Sports Day 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1.45pm on the school field.
- Summer Fair 3:30pm - 5:30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- Remember 'Frozen Fridays!' You can buy an ice lolly in the school playground after school.

Have a lovely weekend!