



Newsletter - FEB/ MARCH 2020

The theme for this half-term is:



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ANIMALS AND MINIBEASTS

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Term Dates 2018/19



SUMMER 2020

Inset (Closed): 21st April '20
TERM STARTS: 22nd April '20
MAY BANK HOLIDAY: FRI 8TH MAY
HALF-TERM: 25th - 29th May '20
TERM ENDS: 17th July '20

AUTUMN 2020

TERM STARTS: Thurs 3rd Sept '20
HALF-TERM: 26th - 30th Oct '20
TERM ENDS: Fri 18th December '20

SPRING TERM

TERM ENDS: Fri 3rd April '20

Our 20/21 Term Dates are on our website:

<http://thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk/term-dates.html>

Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 24th Feb - **b** (Farm Animals)
w/c 2nd March - **j** (Pets)
w/c 9th March - **z** (Zoo Animals)

w/c 16th March- **w** (Minibeasts)
w/c 23rd March - **v** (Easter)
w/c 30th March - **x** (Easter)



Stay and Play week - w/c 16th March

We will be holding a Stay and Play week in the week commencing 16th March. There will be a sign-up sheet after half-term so you can sign up to spend time with your child and us all during an Ark session. If you bring your sibling with you please ensure you are responsible for them at all times.

PETS WEEK

Next week we are looking at the topic of Pets and would love to have adults bring in their pets to talk to the children about how different animals are cared for differently. Maybe a dog can accompany the children on their woodland walk? Can a hamster be brought in to show its home and food? If you can assist with this, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.

Please also let us know if your child has any allergies or concerns regarding animal visits.



Crowthorne Carnival 2020

This year is Carnival year and it starts on Saturday 4th July with the traditional procession from Wellington College into the High Street, ending at the Morgan Rec. We would like to once again enter the procession, but need to get an idea of numbers. The theme this year is 'Olympics: Past, Present and Future' and we propose to enter the procession (specific theme is to be confirmed). We will shortly issue an online poll to see if it is feasible to enter the procession once more.



Minibeast hunt at Wellington

We normally go off site during this term to hunt for minibeasts. However, with the wonderful woodland surrounding us we will be going for minibeast hunts within Wellington. We will take the children a little further for this for a bigger adventure than they get on a daily basis.

Come Prepared

Please can all parents/ carers provide a carrier bag in your child's backpacks for dirty clothes. As always please remember to provide a change of clothes and underwear in case of accidents, or simply wet or dirty clothing through play. Please also remember to bring appropriate clothing for outside play (wet weather gear/ warm coat/ sun-hat) as our weather is changing constantly at the moment, but it won't keep us inside!

Pencil Case preparation for leavers

The children who leave to go to school in September have already made a start on sewing their pencil cases, which goes with them when they leave us for 'big school'. If you could spare half an hour to work with the children (it would be after 11am), please speak to Heather.



World Book Day - 5th March 2020

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5th March, where children will be invited to come to The Ark dressed up as their favourite book character. Please bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. (Forest Group: please wear costume under normal Forest clothes or bring costume to change into on their return.

We are also fortunate to have a local **Usborne book seller**, who will be doing a book sale on **Thursday 5th March** from 12 noon. Keri will also accept the World Book Day £1 vouchers towards a book for your child, which every Ark child will receive on or after World Book Day. See some of her range of books at: <https://www.facebook.com/bradleybunchbooks/>. If you cannot be there on the day, Sarah should be able to place orders for you.

Uniform

Our Ark uniform, with our logo, is available to purchase. We can order T-shirts and sweatshirts in either navy or turquoise. We can send pictures of examples and currently do have some second hand uniform available at lower prices. Please ask for further details from our administrator, Sarah: admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk

Dates for your diary:



- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day. Come dressed as your favourite book character. Book sale at 12 noon.
- **Week commencing 16th March** - Stay & Play week
- **Monday 30th March** - Spring Visit to St Brendan's
- **Thursday 16th April** - Offers for primary school places emailed to parents
- **Friday 8th May** - CLOSED - Bank Holiday. There will be an event on Morgan Rec. run by the churches.
- **Friday 15th May** - Summer visit to St Brendan's Care Home
- **Thursday 18th June** - Summer Trip to South Hill Park (*provisional date*)
- **Friday 10th July** - Sports Day (*provisional date*)
- **Friday 17th July** - AGM and Leavers' Assembly. Further details will follow.

Contact details.

If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently or calling if your child cannot attend, call the Ark setting on **07999 550674** between 9.15am - 12.15pm Mon - Fri.

For any general enquiries, call Sarah Webb (administrator) on **07827 892397** or email admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk.