



# Newsletter

## June/July 2022

The topic for this half term is:

# Water



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## Term Dates 2022

### SUMMER 2022

**Half term:** 30<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June

**INSET day:** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June

**TERM ENDS:** Thur 21<sup>st</sup> July

### AUTUMN 2022

**TERM STARTS:** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sep

**Half term:** 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Oct

**TERM ENDS:** Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
(Early close at 12pm)

### SPRING 2023

**TERM STARTS:** Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

**Half term:** 13-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**TERM ENDS:** Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

## Rhyming sounds and themes of the week:

As we have completed the alphabet we are now focussing on rhyming sounds.

w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June – **dog** (Water in the house)

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> June – **pig** (Water to make plants grow)

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> June – **sit** (The weather)

w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June – **ball** (The weather)

w/c 4<sup>th</sup> July – **cake** (Holidays by the sea)

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> July – **book** (Safety near water)

w/c 18<sup>th</sup> July – **rhyming poems** (Water around the world)

## Dates for your Diary

- Fun in the Forest days (at Wellington) will continue on Tuesday and Thursday in the Summer term
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sandhurst Park trip
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm - Transition Talk for parents of Leavers on Zoom
- 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July – Parent-keyworker consultations
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Children visiting Crowthorne Flower Festival at St John's Church
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 8pm – AGM at Two Sisters Cafe
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day at Morgan Recreation Ground
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – No Fun in the Forest
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 11.45am – Leavers' Assembly in the Hub (Ark hall)

## Work Experience Students

This half term we will be welcoming two work experience students from Farnborough Sixth Form College – do say hello and make them feel welcome if you see them at The Ark!

## AGM and Goodbye to Sue

After 21 years at The Ark, Sue is leaving us at the end of this term to enjoy retirement with her husband Ed. Sue will be very much missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Please join us on the 11<sup>th</sup> July at Two Sisters cafe. You will be able to buy a drink and some food if you'd like, and as part of our AGM we will have the chance to say goodbye to Sue and thank her for being such a wonderful part of The Ark.

Sue's keychildren will be transferred to other members of the team, and parents will be emailed about this later in the half term.



## Preparing for School

This term we are working hard to prepare our older children for school. Throughout the children's time at The Ark we work with the children to help them develop skills and independence for school.

This term we are also...

- Giving them the chance to try on school uniforms
- Liaising with schools to share information
- Holding a transition talk for parents, so you know how best to support your child: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm on Zoom – parents will be emailed with a link to join this call
- Celebrating their time at The Ark and their new adventure with our Leavers' Assembly on 21<sup>st</sup> July (all leavers and parents of leavers welcome – if your child is not usually in on a Thursday please bring them at 11:40 for the assembly at 11:45)



## Parent-Keyworder Consultations

We will be holding meetings in the weeks commencing 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July. A sign up sheet will be available the week or two before.

## Returners in September

Any requests for changes of session in September should have been sent to Naomi by now. All requests have been honoured. If you plan to change your child's attendance pattern in any way and have not yet told Naomi please let her know NOW. Please also advise if you would like to plan ahead for changes later in the year. **A reminder that our notice period is half a term, otherwise payment will be due in lieu of notice.**

## Sandhurst Park – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

We will be visiting Sandhurst Park for our annual summer outing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Letters and permission forms will be coming home with your child if you have not yet had this. The staff will run activities and games to help us enjoy the park. This trip is open to all children who attend The Ark, and also to siblings. Parents or another carer are required to accompany their child/children and will be responsible for them for the entire trip.

## Sports Day and Marathon – 11am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Our Sports Day will be held at the Morgan Recreation Ground. ALL Ark children are invited to take part in our Sports Day - those who do not normally attend on a Friday should meet us at the Morgan Recreation Ground at 11am and will be under parental responsibility at all times.

We will also be holding our sponsored "marathon" to raise funds for The Ark. Previous gifts from parents and fundraised monies have paid for the resources the children benefit from now, so please give as generously as you can!

Here are a some of the resources we've been able to purchase recently. You may recognise them from your Tapestry updates!



## Contact Details

For any general enquiries, email Naomi Page (Administrator) at [admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk](mailto:admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk) or call on 07827 892397. If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently, or your child cannot attend, call the Ark setting on 07999 550674 between 9.15am – 12.15pm Mon – Fri.