



Newsletter

February/March 2025

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The topic for this half term is:
People Who Help Us



Term Dates 2025



SPRING 2025

TERM STARTS: Mon 6th Jan
Half term: 17th - 21st Feb
TERM ENDS: Fri 4th Apr

SUMMER 2025

TERM STARTS: Tues 22nd April
May bank holiday closure: Mon 5th May
Half term: 26th - 30th May
INSET: Mon 2nd June
TERM ENDS: Fri 18th July

Letters and themes of the week:

w/c 24th Feb – j (Doctors, nurses and vets)
w/c 3rd Mar – z (Fire service)
w/c 10th Mar – w (Police)
w/c 17th Mar – v (The street)
w/c 24th Mar – x (My family)
w/c 31st Mar – y (Easter)

Dates for your Diary

- Fun In the Forest days (at Wellington) will continue on Mondays and Thursdays
- Week of 3rd March – World Book Week (library visit on 4th March)
- Stay and Play weeks TBC
- Tuesday 11th March – police visit

Summer term:

- Thursday 19th June – South Hill Park trip
- Friday 4th July – Sports Day at Morgan Recreation Ground (family picnic afterwards)

Parents Who Help Us

As part of our topic 'People Who Help Us' we would love to have visitors to The Ark this term who work in a relevant industry and can speak with the children about their job. We are especially keen if a parent, relative or friend works in any of the jobs listed in the themes above – please speak to Heather if you can help!



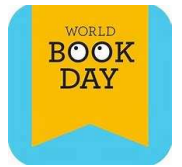
Snacks & Lunch

A reminder that snacks should be healthy and not too big – a piece of fruit, some salad items or crackers etc. Please bring a snack in a small, named snack box or plastic bag (not a lunch box).

Children who stay for lunch club on Mondays, please bring lunch in a plastic bag to the forest so the staff don't have too much to carry back! Thank you.

World Book Day/Week!

We will be celebrating World Book Day throughout the week of 3rd March. We will be visiting the library on Tuesday. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character any day of that week!



Cooking



We often cook with the children, and they will bring home the food they have made in a named plastic box. Please do wash these out and return them to The Ark, otherwise they aren't to hand for the next time we cook.

Fun in the Forest notices

Please can children wear separate waterproof trousers and coats – no all in one puddle suits please.

This will really help us with toileting and taking layers off when we get back to the Ark.

Please can children use the toilet before being dropped off.

You may use the toilet in the Wellington Health and Fitness building.

Thank you.



Parent Representatives

We are grateful to Roula (Christy's mum) and Ide (Aurelio's mum) for being the parent representatives on our management committee. You are welcome to pass them any feedback or suggestions that they can take to the committee meetings. They also host a WhatsApp group for parents and carers which you are warmly invited to join. Please speak with them or email Poppy for the link.

Absence of children

We require a phone call or a letter every day that your child cannot attend preschool. Please phone the ARK number (**07999 550674**) not the admin number, if your child is absent that day. If you know in advance of an absence, or if it is for a longer period of time please write a note or an email. We reserve the right to contact parents if your child is absent and we have had no contact.

Contact Details

For any general enquiries, email Poppy Brown (Administrator) at 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.