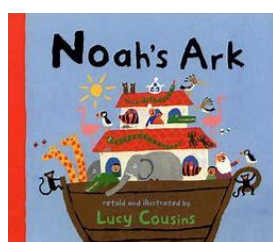


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 24.06.24



Term 6 topic- Water, water everywhere!

Our book of the week – 'Noah's Ark'

We have had more sun than rain this week, so thankfully no chance of flooding in Faringdon!

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.

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- We have continued to practise for sports day. We know how important it is to work as part of a team. We have been fantastic runners; completing lots of laps of the track and we can see the changes that happen to our bodies when we run really fast! We have practised our fine motor skills through writing, cutting, exploring playdough, 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. We chatted about something we promise to do, such as tidying our bedroom, and we 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. We have bought so many new gorgeous story books for each class and we have very much enjoyed handling these books with care and respect.

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.

Understanding the World- 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!

Expressive Arts and Design- We continue to be very creative. We have painted scenes from Noah's Ark and made masks of different animals with a partner. We had to choose the same animal as our partner as only 2 of each animal was allowed on the boat. We all performed to the story 'the animals came in two by two' as we climbed aboard our ark that the children made in the outdoor area. We continue to enjoy our singing assembly and we are now learning reach for the stars! We are building up our repertoire. Ask us to sing you a song!

#### 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 their next class.
- 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 01.07.24

- Please remember sun hats, sun screen and water bottles daily.
- **Come into the classroom and see your child's profile after school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (if you cannot make this date, please let me know and we can arrange a different one).**
- Sports Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. Please come into school wearing your PE kit on this day. Parents are welcome to watch, and it should be finished by 11.30am.
- Next week, is Health Week so as well as competing in sports day fun, we will be talking about sun safety, trying our hand at cheerleading and knowing what to do in an emergency – 999.

*Have a lovely weekend!*