



The Ark Class Newsletter Lent 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe the first half term of 2026 is nearly over! The children have had a brilliant few weeks. They are working hard and getting stuck in to all the learning opportunities available to them.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks teaching in the Ark and learning about each of your wonderful children and how they learn best.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at: eshajpal@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

I am looking forward to the rest of the year ahead and working in partnership with you.

Mrs Ella Shajpal

Who's who in the Ark

Mrs Shajpal



Mrs Volpe



Mrs Smart



Miss Junaid



Miss Grewal

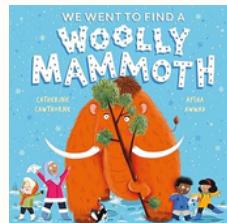
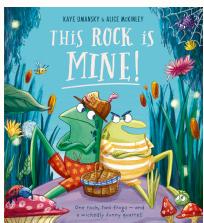


Mr McLaughlin



English

The texts we have studied so far:



We have focused on the features of instructions as well as retelling and sequencing, common and proper nouns, speech and adjectives.

Next half term we will be studying diary entries and learning all about how we write in first person.

Some pupils continue to access personalised daily objectives

What does the morning in The Ark look like?

8:45 - 9:00 - Soft start and 1:1 reading

9:00 - 9:45 - Maths teaching and task. Individual target practise.

9:45 - 10:15 - Discovery in enhanced provision and social target time.

10:15 - 10:30 - snack and drink time. Children take in turns to lead a conversation using 'would you rather' prompts.

10:30 - 10:45 - All children go out to play

10:45 - 11:30 - English teaching and task. Individual target practise.

11:30 - 11:45 - Discovery time

11:45 - Children have lunch in The Ark.

Maths

This term in maths we have been focusing on:

- Addition and subtraction - mental and written methods
- 2D and 3D shapes and lines of symmetry

Next half term we will continue with:

- Money and problem solving
- Multiplication and division

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Enhanced Provision

During their morning in the Ark, the children have access to different areas to enhance their learning including:

- Role play
- Sensory messy play
- Construction
- Arts and crafts

These areas are linked to our key texts and concepts.

We had great fun this week with our 'This Rock is Mine' story inspired frog messy play!

