



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO THE ARK

Our newsletters are designed to give you an idea of what your children will be learning and their experiences here at The Ark. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team if you have any questions.

### Welcome

The team would like to say a huge welcome to Dylan, Melissa, and their families, who have just started with us at The Ark. We'd also like to welcome two new members – Laura and Melanie – who have joined the team at The Ark in December. Sarah and Andrea will be joining us in January.

### We're learning about Music!

The topic for the upcoming 6 weeks is music. Using the Barefoot books, we will be encouraging the children who cannot usually access storybooks to engage with the story. These are storybooks with CDs attached, and the story will be told through song.



### Role Play

Our children are given as many opportunities to explore the music theme as possible. Our focus for role play for the next 6 weeks will be:

- Space and front door
- Bug den with shapes
- Emperor's temple takeaway

### Stories

Below is a list of stories we are going to be looking at and working on for the next 6 weeks:

- A dragon on the doorstep
- A space song
- Creepy crawly Calypso
- Shape song
- Happy and you know it
- Whole world

### Cooking

The children will be learning about Chinese New Year and we will have themed snacks such as a grape caterpillar, monkey rice cakes, and biscuit shapes.

We will be developing their own likes and dislikes in food and drink, and encouraging them to be independent in self-care.

### The Bucket

We have had huge success with our Bucket programme. Our older children have been able to work on independent craft activities, whilst our younger ones have been able to increase their attention span.

### The Snowman

In December, the children all performed in The Snowman. They were all excellent, and performed brilliantly. This helped the children with their self-confidence within social situations.

