



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO THE ARK

### Welcome

Spring has sprung! And the sun is definitely shining down on us here at The Ark. We have lots of exciting things happening here, and we are very excited. We would like to welcome Joseph to The Ark family this month.

### We are learning about... Nursery Rhymes!

The Incy Wincy Spider, Humpty Dumpty, Old Macdonald and friends will all be joining us over the next 6 weeks for Hide and Seek, story time, and more.

### Holiday Club

Our second holiday club took place over Easter. We went down to Southend high street and took a walk along the pier. We went to Danbury park, Colchester swimming pool, and we even went bowling. The kids all had a blast during their easter egg hunt, and so did we.



### Role Play

For the next 6 weeks, nursery rhyme characters will be helping the kids with their different role play scenarios. With two weeks for each song, we will be doing:

- Humpty Dumpty – acting out the wall, the king's men, bandages and plasters
- Old Macdonald had a Farm – acting out life on a farm
- Incy Wincy Spider – acting out spiders, tubes, sun, clouds, and water

### Stories

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

- Humpty Dumpty
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Old Macdonald had a Farm
- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Incy Wincy Spider
- The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe

### Messy Play

Egg shaker painting, corn on the cob painting, spiders in shaving foam and shoe print painting will all play a part in our messy play over the next six weeks.

### Social Skills

The children will learn about initiating conversation and building relationships. We will build up their self-confidence and will work towards being more outgoing around unfamiliar people. The Incy Wincy Spider will help us out with speaking and listening, and we will use playdoh during this activity. We will play Guess the Farm Animal, we will build a clock together, and we will play Sheep Snap!



### Charity Golf Day

After the success of our charity Valentines Ball, The Ark Centre is embarking on a charity golf day. The day will include a memorable round of golf competing alongside the lady professionals, insight to touring lifestyle, on course management and GEMS players walk and talk.