



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE ARK

Welcome

The team would like to say a huge welcome to our newest member to The Ark team, Venicha, who hopefully some of you have had the chance to meet already. We would also like to welcome our new children and their families: Aarush, Ollie, Ethan and Orpheus. Welcome to The Ark!

We are learning about...Toys!

Over the past half term we have been learning about different toys. We have learnt about Toy Story, Thomas the Tank Engine and Superheroes. The children have enjoyed learning about these toys through themed buckets, such as Hulk smashing down a tower where all the children took their turn to knock down the tower. The children also loved pretending to be Woody by riding on the rocking horse!



Story time

We have been learning about our topic through different stories. Some of the stories we have been reading are:

- Toy Story
- Disney Cars
- The Little Mermaid
- Disney Princess Enchanted Tales

Messy play

We have also been learning about our new topic through messy play. Some of the things we have enjoyed this half term are:

- Trains in sand
- Car and truck painting
- Water play with some of our favourite toys

Playing with new toys

We are always encouraging our children to play with a wide range of toys. One of the ways we do this is through video modelling, where the children will watch a video which models a play sequence, and then we encourage the child to copy the play sequence. The children are doing brilliantly at this and all children have been great at expanding the number of toys they will play with. As our topic this term is focusing on

toys, we have been incorporating this throughout the sessions, and also encouraging the children to play alongside each other for some lovely peer play.

Goodbye

We'd like to say a very sad goodbye to Jack O'D and his family who are leaving us this week. Jack was one of our very first children to start at The Ark, so we will all miss him very much.

We'd also like to say a very sad farewell to Charlotte, who is leaving us this week to go on maternity leave. We wish her lots of luck and best wishes with her new little addition! You will be so missed!



Reminder

A reminder that we are closed for sessions between 13th and 17th February for Half Term. We are running holiday clubs each day and we're looking forward to lots of fun out in the community.