



Ark Newsletter Spring 2 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are halfway through the academic year already and that we will be part of the school's history as we celebrate our 100th birthday - please look out for newsletters and WhatsApp messages detailing the upcoming events.



Trips - This term, to link with our book 'The Naughty Bus', we will be enjoying a bus ride locally and visiting the local library which we sadly had to postpone last half term due to bad weather; there will be more details coming soon.

Loose Parts - I recently emailed information about loose parts, if you have any items we could use in The Ark, please send them in as and when.

Reading - I am in the process of setting up reading wallets to send your child's books home, I hope this helps keep all the cards inside your child's books. Please also see the handout inside each wallet detailing ideas to support your child's reading of levelled and unlevelled books; the process of reading is more complex than just reading the book, I hope you find the additional information useful in extending your child's reading experience.

IESP meetings - during our IESP meetings, we will be reviewing your child targets from October to February and sharing their new targets with you; you will also have the opportunity to share anything you would like. Your child's mainstream teacher will be joining us for part of the meeting too.

Cooking - so far we have received £10 for cooking, we would appreciate your cooking donation as soon as possible please.

Weekend News - please send through 1 or 2 photos for weekend news each week. We understand it is time consuming or you may feel you don't have 'news' to share but the visual input improves what your child can talk about in regards to their weekend; without photos we often get, 'I can't remember'.

You can also send in items like entry tickets, certificates or something linked to their weekend for the children to share - please nothing valuable in case it gets lost or damaged. You can also send things in on a **Friday** for **Show and Tell** which the children love.

Water Bottles, Snacks, Tissues and Soap - Children need to have a **water bottle** each day and a **healthy snack** for snack time. We welcome donations of **tissues** and **anti-bacterial soap** such as Carex to help keep those germs at bay!

Thank you for your continued support,
The Ark Team