

Dates to remember:



- **Little Ark Parents' Curriculum Info Evening**
Tuesday 12th November 7.30pm
- **Children in Need Week**
11th-15th November
Cake sale – Wednesday 13th
- **Christmas Jumper Week**
Monday 9th December
- **Ark Christmas Performances**
Wednesday 11th December 2.15pm
Thursday 12th December 11am
St Monicas – Friday 13th December 2pm
- **Little Ark Christmas Concerts**
Tuesday 10th December 3.45pm
Thursday 12th December 3.45pm
- **Nest Christmas Party**
Monday 16th December 4.45pm
- **End of Term**
Friday 20th December



Nest

This week in the Nest we have spent time exploring paint to make firework pictures and learning the names of the colours. Not everyone wanted to use the messy paint, so some children used chalks to create their colourful pictures instead. We have also created a new picture for our display board, we picked some leaves from the garden and painted them and stuck them to paper, we hope you like it!

Song: Driving my tractor **Signs:** Car, Train

Little Ark

“My firework going crash bang” as we used cotton buds to make our firework pictures. “Blue”, “green”, “rainbow”, some children named colours they have seen through the window, “they go bang bang”. We have enjoyed pushing the cars up and down the ramp in the garden.

Theme: Dinosaurs **Sign:** Dinosaur **Sound:** Pp **Song:** I saw a dinosaur

Ark

This week we have been exploring mixing colours. Children made predictions about what would happen when we mixed two colours together – “that makes orange, red and yellow”, we then mixed the colours to see if our predictions were correct. The theme of colours also linked well to bonfire night; at circle time children shared their experiences of seeing fireworks displays and we used black paper, chalks and other materials to create firework pictures of our own. This week we introduced ‘Special Helpers’, the helpers have enjoyed counting all the children, particularly, in the line. To build on this, next week our theme will be numbers.

Theme: Numbers **Sound:** Gg **Sound:** Number songs

What to expect when link:

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended the Ark Curriculum Evening last night, we hope you found it informative and useful. Miss Harvey mentioned a document called ‘What to expect, when?’, this can be found via the following link:

www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf

Book suggestion: Spotty Lottie and me by Richard Byrne

Joey has chicken pox; nobody's allowed to visit unless they're spotty too. Blotchy, bored, lonely, he's missing his friends. Where can Joey find a similarly spotty companion? One brainwave later, he's at the zoo, seeking spotty creatures. But Leopard, Snake, Cheetah, Giraffe, Dalmatian don't want to know him; even Ladybird flies away. Then Lottie appears: she's got chicken pox too! After days of dot-to-dot and other spotty games, the spots fade. Finally Joey can visit the animals. But they're disgusted; what's that snotty green thing on Joey's nose?

