



Head's Message

Welcome back, I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. Since we have returned it has been great to see the new build really beginning to take shape - the huge looming cranes have created a buzz of excitement amongst the children!



On Tuesday, staff engaged in a training session, which identified the link between great discussion and great readers. This term we will be modelling and sharing how children can demonstrate and further develop their comprehension of text through discussion. We have universal prompts that we will be using to engage children in discussion, some of which can easily be incorporated into home reading sessions too:

- 'Tell me more'
- 'What in the text makes you think that?'
- 'Why do you think that?'
- 'Why is that important?'

Our goal is to enable the children to become so familiar with the prompts that they use them to independently instigate purposeful discussions about their reading with their peers. Therefore we would welcome any additional practice at home.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:

Frédéric Chopin



Stars of the Week

For showing respect, our stars of the week are:

Kieran	Clara	Masimba
Poppy	Marley	Charlotte

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Look after cress seeds and fill in the Cress Diary.

Year 2: Write down any 3 digit numbers you find around your house and draw them out using Dienes.

Year 3: Learn and practice "We've all got rights".

Year 4: Tell me about your family and where they are from. Spellings: disappear, early, earth, eight, eighth, enough.

Year 5: What do you think your rights are as a child? Tell me creatively. Spellings: words ending in 'tion'.

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Potter Class	98.33%
2 nd	Dahl Class	96.67%
2 nd	Dickens Class	96.67%
4 th	Austen Class	94.51%
5 th	Lewis Class	93.33%
6 th	Carroll Class	86.67%

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 28th April - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 5th May – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 24th April – Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum

Wednesday 26th April 9am – Meeting at Ark Bentworth for Reception 2017 parents

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 9th May – Reception class trip to the Wetlands Centre

Wednesday 10th May – Year 1 trip to the London Transport Museum

Friday 26th May – School closes at 4pm for half term

Monday 5th June – School re-opens after half term

Tuesday 20th June – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 21st June – Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon

Friday 7th July – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

w/c 10th July – Arts Week

Friday 21st July – School closes at 1.30pm for the summer

Wednesday 6th September – School re-opens for the Autumn term

Notices

Volunteers for Reading

We would welcome volunteers to listen to the children in Lewis Class read - please let the front desk know if you are able to help.

September 2017 Admissions

If your child has been allocated a place in Reception class for September 2017 please come along and join us for a meeting at Ark Bentworth on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 9am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - arkconway.org

EYFS News

It's been lovely to see some warmer weather over the last few weeks; just right for our new topic, 'Growth'. Carroll Class have been making beanstalks, counting magic beans, writing book reviews and getting to know their two new classmates! Next week we will be writing instructions, planting our beans and designing our castles in the sky.



In Maths we will be solving halving and doubling word problems using our magic beans. Thank you to all the parents who have uploaded valuable Tapestry evidence for us over the holidays. This weekend you could focus on doubling and halving by counting food (beans, cereal, pieces of fruit), and discussing what half or double would be. You could make a seed packet or flower to sell in our flower shop. You could make some price tags for our flowers, and bring them in for our shop.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS Team