



ARK Franklin
Primary Academy

Nursery

Thrilling Thursday 11th February

Take care, stay safe and have a very happy holiday!



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Morning Message from Miss Beckett

Good Morning Nursery

Today is the last day of home learning activities for this half term, and I would like to say a huge thank you to all Nursery children and your families who have worked so hard at completing these over the past few weeks.

You should all be very proud of yourselves, and I am certainly very proud of all of you!

I have been truly amazed at some of the super work I have seen on Seesaw.

Please make sure that you have a well-earned rest next week, which is the half term break.

Oscar M turns four during half term, and his birthday is on Sunday 21st February. We wish **Oscar** a very Happy Birthday, and please try to remember to sing Happy Birthday to him each time you wash your hands on that day.



Literacy

Please have another attempt at recognising and writing all the different letter sounds we have practised this half term, so that you are able to confidently say the sound that each letter makes at the beginning of words.

Join in with this **Act out the Alphabet** workout.

It will help you to think of different things beginning with each letter sound.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&feature=youtu.be&v=dLRnTmMkKA>

Please also practise putting the letters of your name into the correct order, and try to write your name, remembering that only the first letter should be written with a capital letter, the other letters in your name should all be written as lower-case letters.

If you are already able to write your first name, then please try to order and write your surname.



Mathematics

Please practise number recognition and counting today. Find your number cards and see if you can put them in order to make your number line in your quickest time yet!

Then find a packet of small objects such as raisins or pasta, count out **20** from the packet and place these in a line. Count the objects again to check that you still have **20**!
Practise saying the number sequence from **1-20** as you count the objects, remembering to say the name of every number. Try not to miss out numbers as you count.

Ask an adult to listen to you as you say the number sequence and count the objects, to check that you are not missing out any numbers, and that you are counting carefully.

This counting song might help you as you work.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVLxWIHRD4E>



Other Activities

It is an R.E. day at Ark Franklin, and today, all year groups are learning about different aspects of **Judaism**.

In the Nursery we are learning all about **Purim**, which is a Jewish festival which this year will be celebrated on 25th and 26th February.

Watch these short videos of a Jewish family preparing for, and celebrating **Purim**, and you can also watch the **Purim** Story about King Ahasuerus and Queen Esther in which you will learn why Jewish people celebrate **Purim** each year. In the videos you will see that at Purim, Jewish children dress up and have lots of fun. You will see them making **graggers** to take to into school, and when they listen to the story of **Purim**, they shake their **graggor** and make lots of noise each time the name of the 'baddie' in the story is mentioned. The 'baddie's name is **Haman**.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-purim>

Why don't you try to make a **graggor** too? Then you can shake your **graggor** each time you hear **Haman's** name as you watch the video of the story of **Purim**.

You can watch how the girls make their **graggor** in the video, but you can adapt their idea to make yours any way you like. There are some instructions below that you could use as a guide.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/lets-celebrate-purimgragger>



