

# Noah's Ark News

Week ending 23 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term one, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your patience and support as we have adapted our setting to keep your children safe and healthy. It has been a pleasure to watch them settle in and a joy to see them interacting with each other and with our resources. We are looking forward to further developments after half term when we plan to restart Forest School Trips.

The week we have enjoyed lots of mark making.....



...and on our amazing 3D map with homes for the Playmobil people, roads and a place for the animals.

If you are looking for thing to do over half term, the Storytale festival takes place online between 24 and 28 October. This local event aims to showcase local talent and give children the chance to meet creative people from their community. For more information see;

<https://www.storytalesfestival.com/>

For other ideas about things to do in half term see over-leaf.



## Spare Clothes.

If anyone has any spare comfy trousers we would appreciate them for our spare clothes box.

We wish you well for the holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back on 2nd November when we will be welcoming some new starters.

Best wishes,

The Noah's Ark Team

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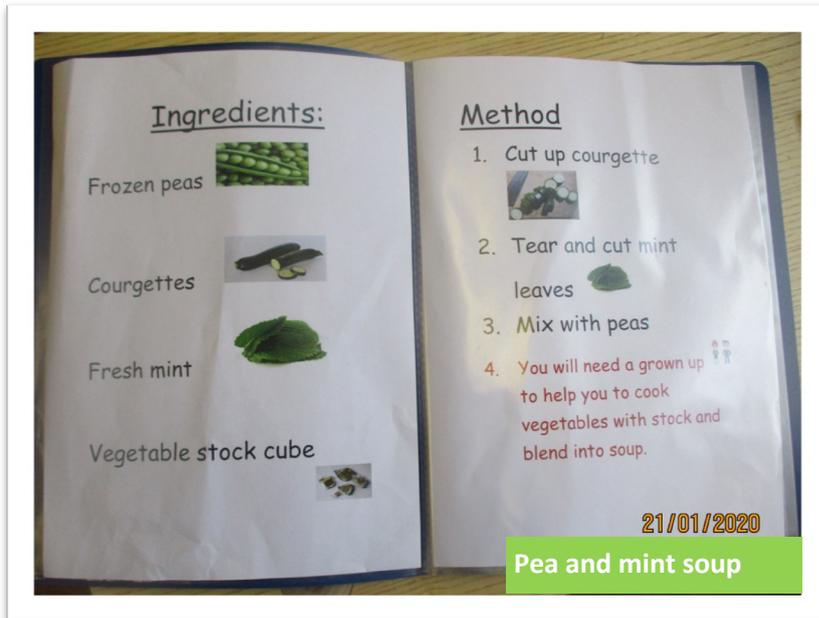
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# Ideas for to do in half term.



## Explore the Outdoors

The national Trust website has lots of ideas for things to do with children. In fact they have a list of 50 things every child should do before they are 11 3/4. Why not start this weekend by flying a kite or making a home for wildlife. For the full list see

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>

## Improve your Fitness

See the nhs website for some fun games to get children moving.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>

**Cooking**—Why not try making delicious pea and mint soup? For more healthy cooking ideas see

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes>

## Make a bug hotel

### You will need

- 2 litre plastic drinks bottles, plant pots, milk cartons or old cardboard coffee cups
- Use a piece of plastic pipe e.g. down pipe
- Bamboo canes or rolled newspaper straws
- Corrugated cardboard



1. Cut the end off a plastic drinks bottle or cut a plastic pipe to 20cm in length. To reduce, reuse and recycle plastic plant pots, milk cartons or old cardboard coffee cups can also be used.
2. Make newspaper tubes by cutting newspaper lengthways and rolling up. Ensure there is a hole in the centre of around 4mm. Rolled corrugated cardboard can also be used.
3. Cut the material to the length of the pot or bottle. The bamboo needs to be cut so that the solid node is at the closed end or the whole length is hollow.
4. Fit the materials tightly into the bottle or pot, so they won't fall out. Ensure the hollow ends are facing outwards, and will be protected from rain.
5. Place your bug home almost horizontally in a warm spot with the open end slightly lower to prevent water logging. Bug homes are best placed no higher than 1m above the ground. The best places to put them are in a tree, bush, at the base of a tree and most importantly in a quiet place.

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/activity/make-a-simple-bug-or-ladybird-home>