

# Noah's Ark News

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been problem solving and critical thinking in their play. These are both essential skills for a child's cognitive development. Thinking critically enables a child to analyse information and make informed decisions which help to develop their natural curiosity and ability to think independently. Problem solving involves identifying problems and generating solutions and evaluating the effectiveness of those solutions.

These skills have been put into play as the children have worked out how to build a bridge using various resources. They have looked at pictures of bridges and then had a go at building their own bridge, working out how to make it sturdy.

There was some great critical thinking and problem solving going on during Thinking Time. We worked out how to construct a container out of the magnetic blocks. We talked about what a container is for and then made our own containers to put our animal in. We also listened to 'Maisy Goes Camping' and then had lots of fun making our own tent out of a blanket and then went inside the tent with our torches.

Outside children worked together to build a plane out of the wooden blocks, they then enjoyed flying their plane.

On the craft table in the Yellow room, there have been treasure tags, paper clips and fasteners for the children to use to join things together whether that be some paper, or attaching a milk bottle top to a box.

We have also been colour mixing this week, with the children mixing different paint colours together to see what colour we can make. We have seen that mixing blue, white and yellow paint together makes green.

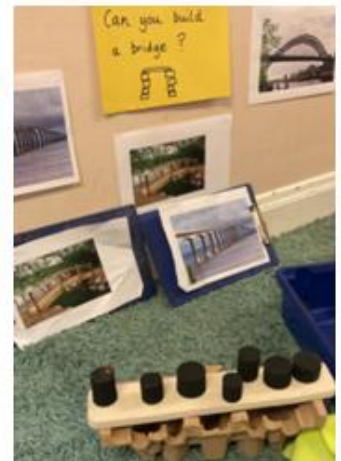
There has also been lots of mark making on the whiteboards, with the children drawing some amazing pictures, a space rocket and planet were some of the things drawn. We have also drawn different patterns and shapes on paper.

We hope you can make the Easter special on **Tuesday 31st March 3.30—4.45pm**. There will be easter craft activities in the Noah's Ark rooms before we go through to the church to enjoy hot cross buns and a drink. Email [office@noahsarkps.org.uk](mailto:office@noahsarkps.org.uk) if you are able to join us.

The Makaton sign for this week, is 'Think'

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

The Noah's Ark Team.



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