

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



26^h May 2017

This Week

We have continued to learn about growth and change, we have been finding out about how we as people grow and change and also contrasting this process for animals. We have talked in detail about the development from baby-toddler-child-teenager-adult. We watched in great excitement as our butterflies finally emerged from the chrysalises that we have been watching over the last weeks. The children have been fascinated to watch the changes, noticing lots of details such as how the newly hatched butterflies dry their wings and like to eat fruits and nectar. In our number work we have been exploring measure in relation to length, height. The children should be able to order two to three items by length or height and use and understand the associated vocabulary e.g. tall, tallest, taller than.

On our return

The topic for our return will be 'Explorers', we will start with the familiar environment before moving into different habitats e.g. the jungle! The children will learn to use skills such as looking carefully, noticing and recording what we find. We will use our senses to find out about the world around us. Our PATHS theme will be physical activity, we will learn about working in small teams to play games and achieve a goal. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th June 2017.

Books of the Week

Owl Babies

Monkey Puzzle

Jack and the Beanstalk

PATHS theme: Keeping healthy – think about the different ways in which exercise may affect our bodies.

Early start activities

Next half term will bring the arrival of the early session challenges where you can pop in any morning to complete a quick challenge with your child. If you have time to complete a challenge each week we would love to see you!

Nursery funding

If you are intending to utilise the 30 hours free childcare next year we can suggest you have a look at the following two websites:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

and

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

The first will help you to review eligibility criteria and the second is the website where you are able to register. If successful, you will be sent a code which you should forward to our reception as soon as possible. Do ask if you would like any assistance.

General notices and requests

Cooking: we will not be asking for donations for the final half of the summer term due to transition activities, we will bake but less frequently!

Donations: If you have any unwanted **pegs**, either wooden or plastic these would be much appreciated. We are also collecting plastic containers – **plastic bottles of all shapes and sizes** for our outside water play area. Lastly, we are hoping to build bug homes with the children and would appreciate donations of empty **4 pint milk containers** to help with this. Thank you!

We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that children are not allowed to play in the Nursery garden before the session as they are largely unsupervised. Thank you.

It is wonderful that the children are keen to keep active on their trikes and scooters, however, we would also ask that these are left outside of the Nursery gates and collected at the end of the session. The children are keen to use each other's bikes/scooters which is causing little disputes and this also avoids any safety issues.

Nursery trip letters: These will be distributed on our first day back after the half term holiday. We will inform parent volunteers as soon as is possible.

Speech and Language: We are attaching information for you around some useful hints and tips to developing your child's speech and language skills.

Home/Nursery Links

- Nursery activity book.
- Explore your local environment talk about; shops, people, jobs, places of interest, location, what do you see out of your window, what are in the fields around you?
- Go for a walk in a woodland, use all your senses to explore.
- THUNK: what do you need to be happy?
- Create a piece of 2d or 3d art choosing your favourite medium for our home/art board.

Important Dates

- Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – half term.
- Thursday 15th June – Nursery trip to the Dinosaur Park, all day for both classes.
- Tuesday 20th June – Wymondham library visit.
- Thursday 29th June – Transition day.
- Thursday 6th July – Ashleigh new Reception parents meeting. 2.15pm
- Thursday 13th July – Nursery Sports day – 9am-10am 1pm-2pm.
- Tuesday 18th July – Nursery children leavers picnic for the last hour of each session.
- Friday 21st July – end of summer term.

Please remember that we are always available for a quick chat at the start or end of the session, however, if you would like a longer discussion then please let us know so that we can arrange a suitable time.

Mrs. Lacey & Mrs. Sprake