

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



28th April 2017

This Week

We have been focusing on our Number skills, particularly addition. We have been comparing and counting groups - finding the most and least and also finding the total of two groups by counting how many items there are altogether. In our phonics work we have been sharing and performing Nursery rhymes. Our display in the wet-area has changed and reflects our learning about growth and change. It was so lovely to see so many of you at Thursday's stay and play where we focused on how we learn about number through the use of Numicon. The Numicon resource supports the children to learn the essential building blocks for all mathematics! We encourage the children to visualise these number patterns so that they can use and apply them in practical maths activities.

Next week

Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday so we will look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. Our theme for the next couple of weeks is animals/pets! We will be finding out about the Ashleigh animals and hope for a visit by Monty the school dog. We will learn about how to look after a pet and our role play area will turn into a petshop!

Books of the Week

Traditional Nursery rhymes
Bear Snores On
The Angry Little Puffin
PATHS theme: self-control

Stay and play!

Our next stay and play will be on Thursday 11th May and will be on a Farmer's Market theme. We will be learning what we can make from the fruit and vegetables that we grow.

Transition to school

There have been some questions this week about transition arrangements regarding your child's new Reception class. Please keep your eye on the Nursery newsletter for regular updates on transitional activities such as teacher visits, story swaps and general class activities to support this change. We work closely with other local schools for children who are leaving Ashleigh at the end of this academic year. To ensure a successful and worry free transition it is important that you remain positive about this next step in discussions with your child, if you have any questions or queries then do come and talk to either Mrs. Sprake or myself and we will happily discuss them.

Ashleigh Farm update

We were a little late out of class on Monday as, very excitedly, we were saying hello to our new arrivals, six lambs. We have watched them feeding and will be learning more about lambs over the coming weeks.

New funding arrangements – September 2017

As many of you will be aware, from 1 September 2017, the Government will be extending the free childcare entitlement for working parents of 3 and 4 year-olds, to 30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year. Below is a link to a frequently asked questions leaflet produced by Norfolk Family Information Service about the new scheme.

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

Norfolk County Council has also asked us to send you this parental survey on the new 30 Hours Free Early Education offer.

The survey, which will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete, will help Norfolk County Council understand the potential demand for the 30 hours free entitlement. The survey deadline is Friday 19 May 2017.

Many thanks.

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/30-hour-childcare-parents/>

Home/Nursery Links

- Nursery activity book.
- Continue to explore comparing groups of different objects to find the group with the least and the most.
- Have a go at practising adding two groups of objects to find out how many there are altogether using numbers to 5. Confirm 2 sheep add 1 sheep makes 3 sheep altogether. Some children will be able to hold the number in the first group in their heads and then count on to find the total.
- Find out about the animals that are born at this time of the year, what are the babies called, how are they different as babies to their parents.
- Continue to play games with dice. The Bus Stop game focuses on basic addition/subtraction.
- Play memory games such as 'find the pair', place 6 items on a tray e.g. different farm animals, talk about them, what we know about them, then remove one – which one is missing?

Important Dates

- Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday.
- Thursday 11th May – Stay & Play
- Thursday 15th June – Trip to the Dinosaur Park, all day for both classes.
- Monday 29th May–Friday 2nd June – half term.
- Tuesday 20th June – Wymondham library to visit the Nursery.
- 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