

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



16th June 2017

We had an utterly brilliant day; our trip to the Dinosaur Park was a complete success! The trip provided an amazing natural canvas for inspiring learning. Activities on the day included the Dinosaur Trail, dinosaur fossil digging and exploring the animal garden. It was wonderful to tune into the sounds of the park and also of the children who were confidently talking about what they knew about explorers and dinosaurs from previous learning in Nursery. Staff at the park commented that the children were incredibly well behaved; they were real ambassadors for Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery.

We need to say a very big thank you to the parent helpers who gave up their day to support the trip. Without them we could not have had such a fantastic day which presents us with so many far reaching learning opportunities for the children. Thank you too to the staff who have worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to organise the trip for over fifty children! What a lovely opportunity for the two classes to meet! The sun shone as did all the children! We have written a big thank you letter to the Dinosaur Park staff today!

Books of the Week

Rumble in the Jungle

Handa's Surprise

Sharing a Shell

PATHS theme: comfortable and uncomfortable feelings

Early start activity

Do pop in at the very beginning of the session next week to have a go at a early start activity or a Chilli Challenge! Chilli Challenges are graded 1/2/3 denoting the level of challenges, children then self select which one they want to attempt.

This week

We have been continuing our theme of explorers and each day have visited through story a different place and have investigated its people, animals, habitats, environment and buildings etc. We have used the pictures to find out about life in a contrasting country e.g. Africa. We have explored new vocabulary such as lair and ferocious. We tasted exotic fruits on Wednesday and compared them to the fruit and veg that we have been harvesting from our Nursery garden.

Next week

Our theme will be a sports theme, we will explore how exercise affects our bodies and take part in lots of different team activities. We will be finding out about how numbers are used to order. Children may like to come dressed in sports clothes next week. Our PATHS theme will also link to physical activity.

Sporty Family Picnic

The Wymondham Pre-Schools group have organised a Sporty Family Picnic on Saturday June 24th from 12-3pm at Robert Kett School. Families are invited to bring along a picnic & sample the sporty fun on offer. Please see attached flyer for the event.

Friday 23rd June

Nursery staff will be hosting the new Nursery parents meeting so the familiar faces of Mrs. Traferri, Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Gray will welcome the children at the start of the morning session until our return.

Home/Nursery Links

- Make a memory stick of a special day out. Collect items along a walk along the beach or reflect on a holiday or visit from a special person, stick items/photos and talk about each one together.
- 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.
- 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 animals, talk about them, what we know about them, then remove one – which one is missing?
- Visit: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting> to try some counting, matching and ordering games.
- We will not be sending home a Nursery activity book this week – please just talk about the trip together! What part of the day did they enjoy the most? What did they learn? What did they see, hear, touch?

Important Dates

- 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