

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



17th November 2017

This Week

The children found out lots of information about spiders using non-fiction books, photographs and websites. During our free-flow time the children printed spiders, learning to use 8 fingers, drew webs in glitter, copied web patterns and played lots of dice and matching number games to support our learning of number patterns this week.

We found out how big the world's biggest spider is and contrasted this with the spiders we might see out and about where we live. At the end of the week we hid spiders around the Nursery and used clues including positional language such as "on top of the book shelf" or "behind the chair" to find them. The children have really loved this topic, thank you for your questions and spidery home art projects, we have enjoyed sharing them in class.

Next week

Our learning next week will be based around the traditional tale of "The Gingerbread Man". We will look at the story structure (how does it start and what happens at the end?), the characters and enjoy joining in with the repetitive language in the book.

We will also be creating and decorating gingerbread people in our free-flow activities, using patterning and careful counting to help us. We hope to cook and decorate gingerbread too.

PATHS

This week we have started our daily 'PATHS person of the day' routines, the children have enjoyed the jobs that go with this role, counting the children, preparing snack and helping around the Nursery. Our daily compliments are completed for each 'special person' and these are being sent home with space for you to add a compliment from home, please return these to us so that we can copy them and stick them into our PATHS scrap book.

This week through circle time discussions and stories we have been celebrating the ways in which we are similar but also different and have continued to explore our emotions thinking about our comfortable and more uncomfortable feelings.

Books of the Week

Some Dogs do

Sometimes I Feel Sunny

Only One You

Once Upon a Slime

Various non-fiction spider texts – (we have explored the features of these).

Parent consultations

It was lovely to see so many of you this week for our parent consultations, it is always wonderful to share such positive news about the children's progress. If you have not been able to make an appointment please speak to a member of staff and we will be happy to see you. If you want to speak to us further then again, please do not hesitate to arrange a further appointment.

Tapestry Update

Hopefully Tapestry accounts are up and running. Please let us know if any of you are still not able to access your Tapestry account.

Funding

Please make sure you check and update your 30 hours funding code regularly.

You need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months on the government gateway website.

More information is available via your government gateway online account. Please ask Monica in the school office if you have any funding queries.

Bike and Scooter reward week

The children have been collecting "bugs in a jug" - a bug is placed in the jug when we notice great behaviour for learning – great listening, helpful tidying, working with friends or where children are kind, helpful and considerate to one another. Once the jug is full the children can choose a reward for their hard work.

The jug is now full and the children have chosen as their treat a bike and scooter week!

The week beginning Monday 27th November children are invited to bring in their own bike or scooter from home, along with a helmet, to ride on the Nursery playgrounds. Children will be supervised at all times but please make sure they are able to ride their chosen bike/scooter independently. Scooters and bikes should be parked in the playground near the welly racks on drop off. If you are using Treehouse breakfast club they can be left with the breakfast club staff.

Donation requests

If anyone has a tea-set of any kind that is not being played with at home, we would love some more for our home corners at Nursery.

Nursery Christmas sing-a-long and crafts

We would like to invite grown-ups to join us for a Christmas sing-a-long and craft session.

We are holding 3 of these sessions:

Tuesday 12th December at 10.15 am

Wednesday 13th December at 2.00 pm

Thursday 14th December at 10.15 am



If your child does not attend on any of these days you are welcome to bring them in with you for one of the sessions.

Sign-up sheets will be available from next week at collection time in Butterfly room. If you are unable to make any of these please let us know and we will arrange another time for you to visit.

Speech and Language drop ins

If you have any concerns at all regarding your child's speech and language development then why not "drop in" to Wymondham Health Centre between 9.30 – 11.30 on Wednesday 22nd November, no appointment is necessary. Drop in for an informal chat with a Speech and Language therapist.

Home/Nursery Links

Each week we will suggest some activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in Nursery.

- Read a traditional tale at home, notice in particular the beginning, middle and ending.
- Decorate a gingerbread man at home – bring it in to show us or for our home art board.
- Notice colour patterns everywhere – repeating stripy patterns, dotty patterns, do the colours repeat?
- Talk about what makes your child special, celebrate us all being different and talk about what is different about you? What things are you good at doing? What things do you like and dislike?
- Recognise and talk about feelings at home – happy/sad, angry/excited etc. – which are comfortable feelings and which are uncomfortable? Remember uncomfortable feelings do not tend to last long!
- THINK of the week: What would the world be like if we were all the same? Would you like being the same as everyone else?

Important Dates

- Saturday 25th November – PTA Christmas Fayre
- Christmas sing-a-long stay and play sessions:
 - Tuesday 12th December at 10.15 am
 - Wednesday 13th December at 2.00 pm
 - Thursday 14th December at 10.15 am

Please also see the main school newsletter for details of whole-school events.

The Nursery Team

Mrs Lacey



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Cowdry



Mrs Sharp



Miss Pratt



Also in our Nursery team but not pictured are Mrs Roberts and Miss Bruce. You will also meet Mrs Robinson who helps us in Butterfly room at morning drop off.

Mrs Cowdry also greets the children attending Breakfast sessions with us and Miss Pratt looks after the Nursery children attending after school club. They will be happy to discuss your child's Nursery day with you at drop off or pick up too.

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