

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



1st December 2017

We have a new Nursery email, please contact us on nursery@ashleighprimary.net

This Week

With weather outside getting colder it was the perfect week to start our Winter topic. We talked about the seasonal changes that we observe at this time of year, how to keep ourselves warm and healthy in Winter and finally, what we can see happening in the Nursery garden. We challenged ourselves to look for signs of Winter outside during our free-flow time. The children carefully observed ice blocks and shapes to notice what they could see happening and expressed their ideas through observational drawing, collage and craft.

In our number work we continued exploring numbers to 5 and 10 in our learning circle time and also through lots of games during independent learning. We used the school iPads this week for the first time to practise matching and counting numbers to 5.

Thank you for bringing in scooters and bikes for the children's treat week, they had a great time riding them with their friends, they are all busy earning the next reward!

Next week

Next week we will continue our Winter theme topic before moving on to all things Christmas the following week. We hope to take the children on a Winter walk to observe seasonal changes in the Nursery garden, farm and school grounds.

In our number work we will continue to provide lots of opportunities for the children to practise using and applying numbers 1 to 10 through their learning and play.

PATHS

This week the theme was 'our feelings', with learning focused to support the children to acknowledge and express their own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worried. We shared a lovely story, *Anna Hibiscus*' song; *Atinuke and Lauren Tobia*, where we reflected on how we can help ourselves to feel happy and share this feeling with others. Next week we will continue to explore different feelings before we go onto self-control in the week after.

Books of the Week

One Little Penguin;
Winter non-fiction texts;
Stickman;
Bear's Magic Moon;
Guess How Much I Love You – Winter

Reverse Advent Calendar

Ashleigh Primary School is running a reverse advent calendar this year, collecting household items for Norwich foodbank. If you are able to contribute to this cause then donations of any of the items on the list below can be left with Nursery staff and will be delivered to Norwich foodbank along with the rest of the school's collection. Thank you for your support with this.

UHT Milk and Toothpaste

Long Life Fruit Juice and Shower gel

Rice pudding and shampoo

Instant coffee and toothbrushes

Tinned vegetables and deodorant

Teabags (40s/80s) and biscuits

Toilet rolls

Cereal bars and pasta sauce

Tinned potatoes and instant mash

Long life sponge pudding and tinned meat

Tinned pie and sweets

Instant coffee

Washing powder

Lost cardigan

One of our Nursery children has unfortunately lost their Ashleigh cardigan. It is named with personalised name tags with a star on them, the name tag can be found under the size label on the cardigan. Please could you have a look at the cardigans you have at home to check that your child has brought the correct one home.

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.

Sing-a-long

The children are excitedly listening to some Christmas songs and practising singing along for our sing-a-long sessions that are coming up. We are learning in particular;

Jingle Bells

and

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer

If you hear these songs out and about or have them at home please practise singing along with your child! Can the children tell you the words?



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 are still available 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.

Thunks of the week

What is happiness? Can you ever be too happy? How can you share happiness?

Water bottles – reminder

We are noticing an increasing amount of water bottles that contain squash. Please can we remind everyone that children's water bottles should contain **water only** and not juice or squash. As a healthy school our policy is water only in bottles please. The children do have access to the milk cartons we provide and also water in cups throughout the sessions. We regularly remind children to have a drink and where to find the Nursery milk and water.

Nursery Christmas Lunch 14th December

Nursery children are able to order a special Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. Please book in the usual way, via wisePAY, if you would like to take this option.

Children having other lunch options that day will still be included in the festivities and will still eat with all their friends and Nursery grown ups!

Home/Nursery Links

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

- Talk about Winter seasonal changes you notice all around – weather, decorations, ice, frost, berries on the trees, leaves on the ground and what animals and birds are doing at this time of year.
- We are practising songs for our sing-a-long, can you practise at home too?!
- Read some counting stories, encourage your child to count along and count one to one with you.
- We have used “The Gingerbread Man game” on Topmarks website to practise our counting skills this week. See if the children can show you what they have been doing.

Important Dates

- 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
- End of term: 3:15pm Tuesday 19th December

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