

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



12th January 2017

This Week

All the Nursery staff have been so impressed at the way the children have settled back into the routines following the Christmas holidays – well done everyone!

We have started our new topic by listening to lots of different bear themed stories. We have talked about important book skills, looking at the front cover for clues about the contents of the book, checking the blurb to see what it will be about, looking at the illustrations, knowing how to hold a book and turn the pages carefully. The children have been listening carefully to stories, predicting what might happen and retelling the story to their friends.

In maths we used the story and rhyme “Ten in a Bed” to investigate careful counting to 10 and what happens to the numbers when one falls out! We then used the story Postman Bear to practice our careful counting, counting forwards, backwards and noticing that when objects move around the total stays the same.

The children enjoyed reading a cupcake recipe and baking and decorating bear cupcakes. They used their careful counting to add decorations to their bears. Thank you to all our parent helpers over the week who enabled us to run this activity.

Next week

We will be reading the traditional tale of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, in their independent learning time the children will make character masks, help sort bowls and spoons by size for the three bears, make new chairs for baby bear and play at making porridge. We will also have a go at making porridge for real and check that it is just right.

In maths we will focus on size vocabulary, such as big, small and medium and also on positional language such as under, on top, between, by playing hide and seek with the bears.

PATHS

We have revisited how we can ‘do turtle’ when we are in need of calming down and have identified the comfortable and uncomfortable feelings that may lead us to needing to calm. We have explored in detail how peoples faces change as we experience different emotions and have also used role play to help us practise ‘doing turtle’ and to find solutions to problems.

Books of the Week

Postman Bear

Ten in a Bed

Bear Hunt

Can't You Sleep Little bear?

Bear feels ill

The Snow Bears

Where is the Bear?

Parent Helpers

We now have a group of parent helpers who either support a session regularly or support us with our cooking activities. We also have a list of those of you who may like to help with one off events or outings etc. If there are other helpers out there who we have missed and you would like to help us from time to time then please let us know. In particular we would appreciate help with our outside area and garden jobs.

Maths week stay and play sessions

The week beginning Monday January 29th Nursery will be joining in with a whole school maths week. This year we will focus on early problem solving skills, we will be inviting parents and carers into the Nursery to work on play based problems with their child. The sessions are during our free flow independent learning time and you can drop in and play for an hour if you would like to join us. The sessions will be held on

Monday 29th January 9.30 to 10.30am

Wednesday 31st January 1.30 to 2.30pm

Thursday 1st February 9.30 to 10.30am

Friday 2nd February 9.30 to 10.30am

As usual, if you are unable to make any of these please see Mrs Sprake or Mrs Lacey to arrange another time to visit. Sign up sheets will be out in Butterfly room from next week.

Pre-School Speech and Language Therapy drop in assessments

The East coast Speech and Language Therapy team have more drop in dates available for this term. If you have any concerns about your child's speech you can take your child to one of the sessions for advice. No appointment is needed. Please see the attached information sheet for details.

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.

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 some favourite bear stories – can you think of any other stories with bears in them? Notice details in the illustrations as you read – can you notice something new?
- Retell a favourite story together – how did the story begin?
- Look out for words your child can “read” - perhaps they can recognise their name or a shop logo or the name of favourite toys on a label.
- Practise counting skills everywhere! How many plates do we need for breakfast? How many steps to the school gate? How many decorations can we fit onto a cake? How many toys will fit into a box?

Challenge – can you make 3 bears of different sizes, small, medium and large? You can draw them, use lego, use playdough or junk modelling or any other idea you have.

Important Dates

- Week beginning January 29th- Whole school maths week and stay and play sessions (see above)
- Half Term 12th -16th February Half Term

Please also see the main school newsletter for details of 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