

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### This Week

We explored the traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children enjoyed retelling and acting out the story, making masks and playing along with the plot. In our maths work we looked at size, ordering bears and comparing them to check we were right. We used construction and junk modelling to make a new chair for the bears and to make taller and taller towers to practise our size vocabulary. We enjoyed playing hide and seek with the bears to learn about positional language.

We learned how to make porridge too. The children enjoyed combining the ingredients and then watching how the mixture changed whilst it cooked. Of course we checked the porridge was just right before tasting - the children then voted on whether they liked it. We had lots of happy customers!

You will have no doubt noticed that a large tree was blown over in the Nursery garden following the high winds on Wednesday night. We are working to get the Nursery garden open for play again. The children enjoyed watching how the tree had to be dismantled and chipped in the shredding machine. Thank you for your patience with the temporary change to our entrances and collections. We should now be back to normal.

### Next week

We are planning our week around the song "The Teddy Bear's Picnic". We will be talking with the children about what the word 'favourite' means and choosing a favourite sandwich to make. In our maths we will be exploring pattern – finding pattern all around us and having a go at recreating simple patterns during our independent learning.

### PATHS

We have been learning about the impact of our words and have shared the text, 'Words and Your Heart' by Kate Jane Neal. We have discussed how our words can make others feel happy and loved, but they can also make others feel upset or sad. We also shared the text 'Puffin Paul', we used this text to help us explore how words help us to establish and maintain friendships.

### THUNK of the week!

If you only had ten words in the whole world, what would they be?

If we had no words how would we make hearts happy?

### **Books of the Week**

Goldilocks and the Three bears  
Puffin Paul  
Words and Your Heart

### **Maths week stay and play sessions**

The week beginning Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 to 10.30am**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1.30 to 2.30pm**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 9.30 to 10.30am**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Maths week – NSPCC Charity Non uniform day**

Nursery will be joining in with the whole school non uniform day on Friday 2nd February when NSPCC Non Uniform Day coincides with Ashleigh's Maths week.

Throughout the whole school children are invited to come in clothes that link to Maths in any way (e.g. football shirts with numbers on them, dotty and stripy tops etc.) We would like to ask for a donation of £1 for children to come in non-uniform, which will be donated to the NSPCC.

### **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.

- Sing a bear themed song or nursery rhyme together.
- Read some other traditional tales and enjoy looking at the pictures together.
- 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.
- Take opportunities to practise size vocabulary – line up toys in order of size – how do you know which is the tallest?
- Talk about a time when you have been on a picnic, in your home/school book you could draw us a picture of your favourite picnic foods or write a list of what you would pack.

### Important Dates

- Week beginning January 29<sup>th</sup>- Whole school maths week and stay and play sessions (see above)
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – NSPCC non uniform day – maths theme.
- Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 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