

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



9th February 2018

This Week

We continued our learning around the story the Tiger who came to tea. We wrote a recipe and followed instructions to make scones for a teatime treat. The children were excited to visit our new school library on Wednesday to choose some non-fiction books about Tigers. We worked collaboratively to make two large tigers from boxes and junk modelling materials and added details we had learnt from our fact books.

We have been learning about rhyming words, playing games to continue a 'string' of rhyming words e.g. bat, cat, sat, etc. and have been reading lots of rhyming stories.

In our maths work we have been creating patterns inspired by Tiger stripes. The children used foam rollers, collage materials and printing to create their individual patterns.

The children have continued to amaze us this half term with their enjoyment of learning, independence and the progress they are making in all areas of development. We have been focusing on exploring learning behaviours in more detail so collaboration, perseverance and questioning, we have also explored too, the power of mistakes!

Many thanks for your support this half term and we wish you a restful holiday.

Next week

When we return after the holidays we will be reading Elmer the Elephant stories, learning about our amazing selves, what makes us all unique/special; we will also be shape and pattern detectives.

PATHS

This week we reflected upon the importance of friendship but also the importance of privacy and time apart in order to maintain healthy relationships. On our return we will be learning from the PANTS theme – details below.

THUNK of the week

Am I perfect if I never make mistakes?

Where does 'stickability' come from?

Drop in sessions availability

- We have one permanent space available in both the Monday and Friday morning sessions, 8.30 to 11.30am.
 - We have one lunch space available each day.
- Also, we often have spaces available in sessions due to children's known absence. Children who already attend our Nursery are welcome to book an extra session on a one off basis if space is available for that day (there may be a cost involved depending on your number of funded hours).
- Please contact Monica in the school office at nursery@ashleighprimary.net for further information.

Entrances

Nursery drop offs and pick ups will remain unchanged after the half term holidays.

Book week and World Book Day

February 26th to March 2nd at Ashleigh is book week. To celebrate this on **Wednesday 28th February** Nursery children are invited to a Story Café event after school which will take place in the main school hall. A separate letter has been sent home with details of how to book a place. Mrs Sprake will be accompanying the Nursery children over to the event. If your child attends after school club on this day we will take them over to after school club after the event has finished, if you would like us to do so. Please ask Mrs Sprake or email nursery@ashleighprimary.net if you have any questions.

On World Book day, **Thursday 1st March**, all staff and children will be invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day. This day is always a fun event with lots of interesting costumes! Children will receive a £1 World Book Day token. After school Kett's Books will be hosting a book fair in the mobile classroom in the main school playground, where world book day tokens will be accepted.

Books of the Week

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Tiger (non-fiction)

A Tiger at the door

How Tiger Got His Stripes

Tiny Little Fly

NSPCC PANTS Rules

A letter has been sent home to all parents this week about the NSPCC PANTS rules being introduced to children at Ashleigh. During these discussions, pupils will be taught how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from sexual abuse. In the Nursery this will be age appropriate and will focus on self-care, what are pants and why we wear them.

Please speak to Mrs Sprake or Mrs Lacey if you would like to know more or see the information available on the NSPCC's website at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Head Lice

Several cases of headlice have been reported to the Nursery staff. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if needed. Please see the attached on headlice prevention.

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.

- Think about your favourite book character in advance of World Book Day.
- Look out for numbers all around – road signs, houses, packaging, clothing.
- Make some patterns, use everyday junk resources to print with – bottle tops, corks, cardboard and string etc.
- Play eye-spy or see if you can think of words that begin with the same letter as your name.
- Read a rhyming story and guess the next rhyming word if you can!

Important Dates

- Half Term 12th -16th February

- Book week February 26th to 2nd March
- Story café event Wednesday 28th February
- World book day 1st March – Dress up as a book character and book fair after school.

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

The Nursery Team



Mrs Lacey



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Cowdry



Miss Pratt



Miss Bruce



Mrs Roberts



Mrs Sharp



Mrs Robinson

Mrs Robinson is with 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