

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### This Week

The children have settled back in happily to Nursery after the half term break. We have had lots of fun reading Elmer stories. Elmer is a much loved character in Nursery and has captured the children's imaginations as they have used their mark making skills all over the Nursery activities, drawing patterns in glitter and sand, printing and sticking "patchwork" patterns and finding patterns in the world around us.

In maths we have noticed and matched patterns and became pattern detectives to find patterns in our natural environment. We noticed the stripes on fences and the patterns that the bricks are arranged in on the buildings. Wild animal patterns have also allowed us to explore and make further contrasts/connections.

### PATHS

This week we have learnt about the PANTS theme that was communicated in the last letter. You can find out more information about this important topic by visiting <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/> If you have any questions relating to this topic, then please speak to a member of staff.

### Next week

Next week is book week at Ashleigh. Will be celebrating our favourite books and characters all week. If your child would like to bring in a favourite book or picture of a favourite book character, we would love to share these with the classes. Please make sure any books are clearly named and please hand to a member of Nursery staff on entry.

Thursday is World Book Day and Nursery will be joining the rest of the school in dressing up as a favourite book character. We can't wait to see the costumes! Please make sure children know how to remove their own costumes when using the toilet.

### THUNK of the week

Are white and black colours?

What makes a pattern or ourselves unique?

### **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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.

### **Nursery playgrounds**

Following the completion of the building work outside Nursery, we are currently in the process of improving our outdoor areas and auditing resources. Nursery staff set up the outdoor areas for learning at 9am and tidy up again at 11.00am and 2.30pm. It would greatly help us if you could encourage children/siblings not to play with the balls/mud kitchen or any of the outside resources on drop off or collection.

### **World book day book fair**

After school on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The playground can be accessed via the path on the far side of the main school entrance.

### **Books of the Week**

Elmer's Special Day

Elmer and the Lost Teddy

Elmer and the Tune

Elmer and the Wind

Elmer and Wilbur

Patterns Outside

Pants

### 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.

- Look out for patterns all around – on fences/buildings/playgrounds etc. Describe the patterns, make different patterns in the mud, on a floured surface, in sand, in the air.
- Talk about your favourite stories, what makes them your favourite and why?
- Talk about words that rhyme, read a rhyming story and notice which words sound the same.
- Explore capacity – use different shaped containers to see which can hold the most toys/water/blocks.

### Important Dates

- Book week February 26<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Story café event Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February after school (Nursery children welcome even if it is not your usual day – please return slips to office or Nursery).
- World book day 1<sup>st</sup> March – Dress up as a book character and book fair after school.
- 3pm 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter Holidays.

**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