

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



23rd March 2018

This Week

We have continued our spring topic as the signs of spring have been appearing all around us, we have been hunting for shoots, buds and flowers. We have noticed what the birds are doing at this time of year and have had a go at making a nest for a bird, thinking about its purpose and suitability of materials.

In our phonics work the children have been enjoying *noisy* stories this week and using their voices to join in with all the different sounds. In number we have been practising lots of different number skills such as counting, matching, ordering and number recognition.

We have made chocolate Easter nests with the children this week, they have enjoyed learning about how the chocolate melts with heat and sets again in the fridge!

The story café and world book day were a great success, the children loved showing us their costumes! Thank you for your support with this, it was a really fun packed day.

Next week

Next week we are focussing on Easter and learning about various traditions and celebrations. We will have lots of Easter crafts for the children to explore in their independent learning time and will look forward to sharing them with those of you coming to our stay and play sessions next week.

PATHS

This week we have been thinking about what the 'truth' is, how sometimes we might be tempted to *stretch it*, and why it is important to tell the truth even if we feel embarrassed, worried or upset.

THUNK of the week

If you had to go on journey to moon which two story characters would you choose to go with and why?

Stay and play- Easter/Spring

Monday 26th March: 1:30-2:30 pm

Tuesday 27th March: 9:30–10:30am

Wednesday 28th March: 9:30-10:30am

Please use the Nursery gate entrance when arriving for the stay and play sessions, if the gate is locked please wait there and one of the Nursery staff will come and let you in.

Sport Relief – Friday 23rd March

The Nursery children enjoyed their jog around the school field today! They all did so well and were very enthusiastic. Any sponsorship donations please hand to the Nursery staff on Monday. Thank you for your support, the children were very pleased with their fund raising efforts.

Drop in sessions availability

- We have one permanent space available in the Monday morning session, 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.

Pet Topic

Next half term one of our topics is going to be "Pets".

We will spend some time with the school pets (Monty the dog, the chickens, guinea pig and rabbit), meet some pet visitors and learn about what pets need to be healthy and happy. If anyone has a small or unusual pet at home that could potentially visit us during our topic weeks please speak to Mrs Sprake.

If you are concerned about any allergies to pet fur etc please do see one of the Nursery staff. Children will only handle pets with very close supervision, more details will be available nearer the time.

Drop off and collection – after Easter

Each year after Easter we promote children's independence skills by encouraging them to come into Nursery by themselves, to hang up their coat, put bags and water bottles away, self-register and find an activity.

Nursery adults are stationed in the cloakrooms and on the carpet areas to provide support with this as needed. At hometime the Nursery staff support the children with collecting their belongings and then we dismiss the children one by one from the main door once we have seen their adult who will be waiting on the playground.

Every year we are amazed at how the children respond by rising to the challenge and how proud and important they feel to be doing something so grown up! We will start with the new routine from the second week back after Easter - Monday 23rd April.

Before and after school club drop offs and collections remain the same - these children will also manage their own belongings with support when they arrive and leave Nursery each day.

Books of the Week

Spring non-fiction books, Some Dogs Do, noisy stories, book day texts.

Holiday Policy

Due to the changes in government policy relating to Nursery funding we no longer receive payment when children are absent from Nursery due to holiday. In order to align our practice with other providers the governors have agreed a change in policy which will come into effect from the summer term 2018.

From the 16th April 2018 if you are planning a holiday during term time we will require a four week notice period and you will be invoiced for the funded hours lost.

If you booked your holiday before 16th March 2018 please provide Monica with proof of date of booking, we will not charge for holiday booked before our change in policy.

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.

- Talk about Easter and how you may celebrate, sharing your family traditions.
- Explore the different ways that other people may celebrate Easter.
- Does everyone celebrate Easter?
- Make us some Easter crafts or spring artwork for our home art board
- Sport numbers all around us - can you recognise numerals 1 to 5 or 10? Where do you see them? (registration plates, packets, signs, prices in shops, on clothes).
- Enjoy a “listening” moment with a grown up, when you are at about stop and listen and make a list of all the sounds that you can hear! Describe the springtime sounds that you can hear.
- Keep noticing and enjoying the signs of spring appearing all around us.

Important Dates

- Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th stay and play sessions.
- Wednesday 28th March 3.15pm – 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