

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



27th April 2018

### This Week

We have been learning all about pets! We have been so lucky to have had some exciting pets to visit – thank you to everyone who has brought in animals or shared information about their pets at home, the children are really enjoying this topic. We have loved finding out about different pets and how to care for them. We have learned that all pets need water, food, care, exercise and to be safe to be healthy and happy.

In our sound work we have been playing lots of games to increase our sound awareness, such as playing eye-spy and talking like a robot to hear and say the different phonemes in words (e.g r-e-d=red).

### Next week

We will continue our learning about pets, we have some more visitors planned and we will also be going to the farm to help feed and care for the animals there.

We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of the orphan lambs to the school farm. We will be able to see them daily and we have arranged a few feeding sessions for the Nursery children over the next few weeks. We will do our best to make sure everyone can have a turn.

### Next steps

It was great to see so many of you at the parent consultations this week. At these meetings we discussed the next learning steps for the children this term. We will be sending home paper copies of these over the next fortnight in a more child friendly format. If you have any questions about these do let us know!

### PATHS

This week we have explored the theme of enabling a positive environment, we have enjoyed the text Fish that reminded us about our similarities and differences and that we are all special.

### **THUNK of the week**

Imagine a journey on a floating cloud, where would it take you, where would you like to go, who would you want to meet?

### **Dinosaur park trip**

Thank you to everyone who has replied so far, please do return your forms even if your child cannot attend so that we can work out numbers and book coaches.

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

### **Entrances**

You will have noticed we are now using the "front" entrance for Butterfly room in the morning. Thank you all for your support with the change.

### **Word aware**

Our word of the week is "healthy".

We have talked about how we keep *healthy* and what things pets need to stay *healthy*.

Talk to your child about what things they do to stay *healthy*, what kind of diet is *healthy* and what feeling "**healthy**" means.

### **Books of the Week**

Pet fact cards; The Rabbit Problem; Christopher Nibble; Oi! Dog

Pet non-fiction books

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 hours lost.

### 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 to your child about the pets that have visited Nursery this week – can they tell you how their owners care for them and keep them healthy?
- Find out about the special features of our pets, what is their purpose?
- Play “I spy” – can you say the sound that words begin with?
- Do pet themed counting – how many legs does a guinea pig have? What about two guinea pigs?
- Practise our word of the week!

### Important Dates

Nursery trip to the dinosaur park – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

**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