

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



4th May 2018

This Week

This week we continued our very popular pet topic. We had some more interesting pet visitors; rabbits, stick insects and Monty our wonderful school dog! We also visited the farm and met the animals that live there, our impressive rabbit 'Tula' and the many guinea pigs. We found out all about keeping chickens, whilst some of us cleaned them out this week too! During our topic we have focussed on the things that all pets need to stay healthy namely; food, water, washing or keeping clean, a spacious home and of course, love and care. The children have really enjoyed finding out about these different pets and have shared their own lovely experiences.

As very big thank you once again to everyone who brought in their pets, we really appreciated and enjoyed meeting them, as did all the Nursery children!

Next week

We are beginning a two week topic on Farms. We will be visiting Ashleigh farm as much as possible to find out what grows there and how a farm works. We will be thinking about how some of our favourite foods are produced. Of course we will also be planting our own crops on the farm and learning what they need to grow.

Farm week stay and play

The whole school is taking part in a whole school science week themed around farming on the week beginning 14th May. Nursery children will be joining in with the learning, activities and visitors throughout the week.

On Friday 18th May, to coincide with the whole school farmer's market (see main school newsletter for details) Nursery are hosting stay and play sessions where the children will be selling some baked goods!

The stay and play sessions will be 9.30 to 10.30am and 2 until 3pm. Sign-up sheets will be available from next week. If your child does not attend on a Friday but you would like to bring them along then please sign up for one of the sessions!

PATHS

We shared the texts 'Freddie and the Fairy' and 'Dandy Lion' to help us find out about the power of mistakes and the kind of environment that we would like to create. Next week we return to *self-esteem* and *compliments*.

THUNK of the week

If you could climb a ladder up into the clouds what would it be like there?
If you had to go on journey to moon which two story characters would you choose to go with and why?

Word Aware

This week our 'word of the week' is **caring**.

We have learnt the word *caring* and what it means. We made up an action for the word and explored all the different ways we can use it. We thought about *caring* for pets, *caring* for each other, being *caring*, *caring* for ourselves. The adults around Nursery have been noticing when children have done something *caring* for each other, or in a *caring* way. Why not ask them to show you the action that we made up to represent the word!

Drop in sessions availability

- We have one permanent space available in both the Monday and Friday morning session, 8.30 to 11.30am.
 - We have one lunch space available every day except Friday.
- 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.

Books of the Week

Pet fact cards and leaflets

Pet non-fiction books

Dandy Lion

Freddie and the Fairy

Cooking donations summer term

We are hoping to cook regularly over this term, if you are able to bring in a £1 donation to help us with extra ingredients we would be very grateful and can cook more exciting things!

Spare clothes, carrier bags and magazines

We are in need of spare clothes (particularly leggings/jogging bottoms and t-shirts) and also carrier bags to help us when children need a change of clothes.

If anyone has some old clothing that is still in good condition to donate or any unwanted carrier bags please bring them in as our supplies are running low!

Donations of any children's magazines that are still in a good condition would be gratefully received too!

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 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 about all the pets we have met this week!
- Can you visit a pet shop and notice what the different pets need to stay healthy?
- How do you stay healthy – is it the same or different to how we keep pets healthy?
- Talk about the word “caring”, what do you do that is caring? Practise using the word at home.
- Can you draw a picture or collage your favourite pet we met during pet week?

Important Dates

Farm week stay and play – Friday 18th May
Nursery trip to the dinosaur park – Thursday 14th 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