

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



18th May 2018

This Week

This week has been whole school farming and science week. The Nursery children loved meeting children's authors, visiting the farm and going to see the tractor that was on our school field for the day. We hope you enjoyed farm week stay and play today, those children who have not yet fed the lambs will get a turn to do so next week.

If your child will be absent from some of their regular sessions next week please remind a staff member that they have been away so that we can try to make sure everyone gets a turn.

Next week

We will be learning all about caterpillars next week. We will read caterpillar stories and learn about their metamorphosis into butterflies. We will have 5 caterpillars in Nursery from next week which will we observe grow and change over the coming weeks.

We will use the story of the Hungry Caterpillar to do lots of counting and talking about days of the week.

PATHS

This week our topic has been sharing, caring and friendship we have used the texts 'I Love You Little Monkey', 'Bear Feels Ill' and 'Room on the Broom' to further explore this theme.

THUNK of the week

Where does soil come from, is each 'part' the same or different, is the soil the same in different gardens or in different countries. Why is there soil?

Word Aware

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

We have learnt the word **root** and what it means and what **roots** do. We made up an action for the word, noticed roots growing and watched time lapse clips of seeds

growing roots. We have also talked about how we have family roots and what this means.

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.

Books of the Week

Farm non-fiction books

Stanley's farm

Noisy Farm

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! This is separate to the budget for the farmer's market cooking.

Spare clothes and carrier bags

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!

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.

Story competition

Please see the whole school newsletter for details of our Melvin the Robot story competition. Nursery children are welcome to enter by drawing annotated pictures or submitting a video of themselves telling their story.

Home/Nursery Links

Each week we will suggest some activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in Nursery.

- Can you spot roots growing? When you plant a seedling, have a look for the roots, or notice where tree roots grow.
- Talk about soil, what does it do and what is it for?
- Have a look at the soil in your garden – what does it feel like? What happens if you add water?
- What happens when you cook an egg? How does it change?
- Do some baking and notice the changes that happen to the ingredients as you mix and cook them.
- Can you make a model tractor using construction materials/junk modelling?

Important Dates

Nursery trip to the dinosaur park – Thursday 14th June (letter sent 18th May)

Transition day for new classes – 28th 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