

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



25th May 2018

### This Week

We have been learning all about caterpillars! Our five caterpillars arrived in Nursery on Wednesday, they have been eating and eating – we will watch closely to notice the changes that happen over the next few weeks! Keep your eye on Ashleigh Primary and Nursery's twitter account over the half term holiday, if any big changes occur we will post them on twitter for you to show your child.

We started the week with the classic story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar', the children enjoyed the repeating phrases and vibrant illustrations of this book. Throughout the week the children read other Eric Carle stories, watched video clips and listened to other audio stories by Eric Carle.

### Next week

Next week is the half term holiday and Nursery is closed. On our return we will spend a week learning about butterflies. This week will be full of learning about colour and pattern, basic symmetry and shape. The children will enjoy hunting for butterflies outside and noticing their actions.

### Farmer's market

Thank you so much for your support with Nursery's cake sale we raised over £50 and this contributed to an amazing whole school total – see the main newsletter for details!

### PATHS

We have returned to our understanding of our feelings through the stories 'Missing' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'. The children are amazing at naming whether a feeling is either 'comfortable' or 'uncomfortable' but often describe all uncomfortable situations as 'sad'.

We have been reflecting on the other uncomfortable emotions such as, 'surprise', 'upset', and 'cross' etc.

### THUNK of the week – thinking about thinking....

Where does a rainbow start and end?

Exactly how does an egg change into a caterpillar, a caterpillar into a butterfly?

### **Word Aware**

This week our 'word of the week' is delicate.

We have learnt the word *delicate* and what it means and have thought about things which are delicate. We made up an action for the word and took special care with our Nursery caterpillars which are very delicate! To extend this idea further we also talked about how we can feel delicate when we are unwell for example.

### **Drop in sessions availability**

- We have one permanent space available in the Monday morning session and Friday morning session, 8.30 to 11.30am.
  - We have one lunch space available each 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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.

### **Books of the Week**

Hungry Caterpillar

Monkey Puzzle

The Caterpillar's Shoes

### **Trip volunteers**

Thank you for all your offers of help on our trip. Unusually, we had far more volunteers than we could take and so, to ensure that this was fair, we had to take names 'out of a hat'. Everyone should now have been notified of arrangements for volunteering. If you have any queries please see Monica in the school office.

### **Summer**

Due to safety reasons children should not wear open-toed sandals to Nursery please. On warm days please make sure children have sun hats and sun cream applied.

### **Cooking donations summer term**

Thank you so much to those who have donated cooking money this 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 farmers' 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!

### **Nursery Equipment**

Please do not allow children to use the equipment, such as tricycles, outside Butterfly room while waiting to collect Nursery children.

Thank you for your support with this.

### **Bug in the Jug Treat**

The children have filled up the bug jug and as a reward we are planning to go on a butterfly hunt and picnic (within the school grounds) during the week after half term. We will try to run this a few times through the week to ensure as many children as possible are able to join us.

### **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.

### **Story Competition**

Please ask the office if you need a copy of the Melvin the Robot story competition details. 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.

- Look for mini-beasts and insects outside – what are they doing? Why?
- Can your child tell you about the lifecycle from caterpillar to butterfly?
- Find some objects which are “delicate” – how do you know?
- Can you find 2D shapes in the world around you? Circle, square, rectangle, triangle?

### **Important Dates**

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

Transition day for new classes – 28<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