

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### This Week

We have been learning all about butterflies! Our five caterpillars responded with perfect timing, they stayed in their cocoons all over the half term holiday and emerged as butterflies this week! The children were enthralled to watch them unfold their wings and shake them to dry out. At the end of the week, we released our butterflies into the Nursery garden and watched them fly away. We thought carefully about why we needed to let them go.

We used non-fiction books, labelled pictures and video clips to help us learn about butterflies and how they live in their natural environment.

### Next week

Next week is dinosaur week! Our main focus for the week is dinosaur maths – lots of counting, matching, grouping and sorting to help the children practise their number skills. We will also be reading lots of lively dinosaur stories and reading non-fiction texts to learn more about dinosaurs and how they lived.

### PATHS

This week we have been learning about how to manage our emotions when they get too big, so when we need to calm down. We did this with one of our favourite PATHS texts 'Calm Down Boris'. We will continue with self-control and problem solving next week.

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

Where do butterflies go, do they sleep, do they think?

### Word Aware

The word of the week is *transform*.

We have talked about how transform means to change and about things that transform such as caterpillars and some types of toys. The children have enjoyed looking for

things that transform! At home can you talk about how you could transform an object into something else – for example, decorating a box to become a house.

### **Books of the Week**

*Caterpillar to Butterfly, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, Calm down Boris, the Crocodile under the bed.*

### **Dinosaur Park Trip**

We are really looking forward to our trip to the Dinosaur park on Thursday. We ran this trip last year and we all had a really lovely day!

#### **Children need to bring**

- Weather appropriate clothing including a sunhat and a light coat as we will be outside all day;
- Sturdy shoes as we will be walking around the park;
- Lunch - either a packed lunch or ordered through Wisepay
  - (No fizzy drinks, sweets chocolate or products containing nuts);
- If your child is under 4 *or requires a seat* due to their size/weight then please bring these (**labelled with your child's name**) and fit them onto the coach on Thursday morning;
- If you have informed us that you have a Dinosaur Park season pass, **please make sure you bring it on the day.**

**All** children need to arrive at Nursery promptly at 8.30 on Thursday morning. We need to be able to check numbers, get lunches onto the coach and get everyone to the toilet before we leave! If you have volunteered to help please drop your child at Nursery as normal and wait in the Nursery playground – one of the Nursery staff will come out to brief you on the format of the day! We intend to be back from the trip at approximately 3pm, of course if your child usually attends all day on a Thursday they are welcome to stay with us until 3.15pm and those attending after school club will be taken there as normal. You should collect from your usual pick up point.

### **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.

### 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.

- Ask your child to tell you about releasing the butterflies – what did they notice?
- Find some objects which transform or transform something....can you transform yourself?!
- Can you use collage materials to make a Butterfly?

If you have a favourite Dinosaur story you could bring into Nursery and we will enjoy sharing it with the class.

### Important Dates

- Nursery trip to the dinosaur park – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Transition day for new classes – 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Nursery 2018 intake meeting Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9am
- Reception 2018 new parents meeting July 5<sup>th</sup> 9.15am
- **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