

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



6th July 2018

This Week

We have begun a topic all about Summer, learning about how we notice that the seasons have changed again. We have also reflected on the seasonal events that we have experienced in Nursery to develop the children's sense of time. We have learnt about staying safe in the sun and all the activities that we might do in Summer. In number we are focussing on consolidating our skills such as careful counting, holding numbers in our head and counting on, and recognising numerals.

Next week

The children will learn about travel and holidays. Through stories and play we will think about holidays, days out, visits to the park and how we might get there.

We hope to make ice lollies with the children! If you have any ice lolly moulds at home that we could borrow please bring them in (please write your name on them or label the bag they are in). We will return them at the end of the week.

Tapestry

You will notice that Tapestry observations will be fewer as we enter our transition period and we focus on our last few weeks with the children before they move on! At the end of next week we will begin the process of downloading each child's Tapestry journey and so observations will cease. At the end of term you will then be able to receive a link to download your child's full Tapestry report – we will provide more information on how to do that nearer the time.

PATHS

We have learnt about physical activity using the books 'The Dancing Tiger', 'From Head to Toe' and 'Stomp!'.

Thunk of the week – thinking about thinking!

Is the sea really blue? What is a tide? Where does the sea go?

Word Aware

The word of the week is **travel**. We have talked about what travel means and how people can travel places. We have enjoyed using the word around Nursery, talking about how we travelled to school and places we like to travel to.
At home – you could talk about somewhere you have travelled...how did you get there?
For example, scooting to the park, or going for a day out on a train.

Books of the Week

Summer non-fiction texts, Staying safe in the Sun, Come to school Too, Blue Kangaroo, I Am Absolutely Too Small for School.

End of Term Picnic

We are holding two end of term picnics to celebrate the end of the children's Nursery year. We would love for parents, carers, grandparents, childminders to all join us. All are welcome for just one of these sessions per family. If you would like to attend and it is not your usual day then please do bring your child along.

Thursday 19th July 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Monday 23rd July 10.00 – 11.00am

On arrival please wait at the Nursery side gate and we will let you in to the Nursery garden.

Please bring a blanket and a picnic (children will also eat lunch and choose snacks at Nursery as normal on both days).

Drop in sessions availability

Please contact Monica in the school office at 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.

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.

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 make a beach picture at home? What will you need?
- Play counting games, sing counting songs to reinforce our number skills
- Talk about staying safe in the sun and notice the different clothes we wear in summer time.
- Are you doing something to enjoy the warm weather, maybe going on a holiday, a day out or playing in the garden at home – can you draw a picture to tell us about it? If the children bring them in we would love to share them at circle time.

Important Dates

- Saturday 7th July – Ashfest – see main school newsletter for details
- Thursday 19th July 2.00pm – 3.00pm Nursery picnic
- Monday 23rd July 10.00 – 11.00am Nursery picnic
- **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