

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



28th September 2018

This week

This week we started our Autumn topic, we enjoyed listening to Autumn stories and exploring leaves, conkers, acorn and seeds. The children looked very closely at leaves; noticing the lines and colours that they could see. In our independent learning we have explored leaf rubbings, collage using leaves and printing using autumnal colours. In our maths this week we have learned to count carefully remembering to point to each object one at a time, go slowly and say each number name as we count.

Next week

We will continue our Autumn topic by going on short walks around the nursery garden and school field to look for signs of Autumn. We will be tuning into sounds next week, listening to environmental sounds and exploring quiet and loud sounds outside. We also hope to cook apple crumble with the children and we will be tasting it during the Nursery sessions.

Books of the week

Leaves – non-fiction text
Percy the Park Keeper stories
The Gruffalo

Key workers

Now that the children have settled at Ashleigh we have allocated key workers for each child. Every child has a Teaching Assistant as their key worker and also Mrs Sprake, the Nursery Teacher. Slips with the names of your key workers will be sent home next week.

You can use your child's key worker as a point of contact and to communicate with about their time at Nursery. You can use your red book to write a message and one of your key workers will write back.

However, all the Nursery staff get to know all the children and so please talk to any of us if you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's time at Nursery.

Mrs Sprake will also be holding parent consultation meetings later this term when you will have an opportunity to talk in detail about your child's learning at Nursery so far.

Tapestry

Next week you will receive an email detailing how to log on to the Tapestry system. Please follow the instructions in the email to log on.

As the system has only just gone live you will probably find that no observations have yet been loaded for your child. These will start from next week.

You can also add observations from home onto Tapestry, we really love to see them - please ask a member of Nursery staff if you need any help using the Tapestry system. If you do not receive an email with activation instructions let us know at nursery@ashleighprimary.net.

Lunches – wise pay update

Everyone should now have received their wise pay log on to order lunches. Please contact Mrs Howard in the school office if you have any problems with using this system.

School Photographs

School photographs are scheduled for Monday 8th October.

Nursery will have the opportunity to have individual photographs taken during their normal session that day. If your child does not normally attend Nursery at these times you are welcome to bring your child for their school photograph at 12.30pm, via the school office.

Please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net if you are planning to bring your child in for the photograph.

Unfortunately we are unable to include Nursery siblings in the family group photographs this year, this is logistically unfeasible given the numbers of children and varying session times. The PTA are planning to arrange a separate photographer after school, details to be confirmed, so families with Nursery and School children have the opportunity for a full family photograph.

Learning links at home

- Can you find 5 colourful leaves outside? How many different colours can you see?
- Practise careful counting, count plates at dinner time or cars on the way to Nursery

- Stop and enjoy a listening moment, pause at any time, stay completely quiet and listen to the sounds around you.. what can you hear?
- Thank you for the lovely home art, the children were very pleased to see their work on the wall in Butterfly room. There is room for more so please send it in if your child has been creative at home!

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.
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.

Drop in sessions availability

We have permanent spaces available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
We have lunch spaces available on every day except Thursday.
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.

Important dates

Monday 8th October – Nursery individual photographs
Wednesday 17th October – School closes for half term
Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

The Nursery Team



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Roberts



Mrs Cowdry



Miss Pratt



Miss Bruce



Mrs Scott



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. Sprake