

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



2nd November 2018

This week

The children have been telling us all about their half term activities and thank you for sharing these on Tapestry too.

We have based our learning this week around the book "Wow said the Owl" by Tim Hopgood. The children enjoyed talking about rainbows, spotting colours in the book and we went on a colour hunt around Nursery. We also talked about dark and light shades of colour and described our favourite colours.

In small groups we made playdough and gradually added colour to the mixture to see how the colours changed.

We have also been learning about patterns – making repeating patterns using two colours, noticing and copying patterns in the world around us.

The children may have told you about "Activate" in our Nursery session, which we have started this week. This is a programme where the children copy movements to support gross and fine motor skill development – it is great fun too!

Next week

We will read "Wow! It's night time" by Tim Hopgood and notice the changes, animals and colours that occur at night time. We will discuss celebrations at this time of year and children's experiences of noticing the sky at night – such as stars or fireworks.

In our number work we will be continuing counting and using numbers to 10 and the children will be developing their number skills through noticing patterns and numerals.

Books of the week

Wow said the Owl it's night time
Can't you sleep little bear?
The Owl who was afraid of the dark
Owl babies

Tapestry

Parents should now have access to the Tapestry system. 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 have not received an email with activation instructions let us know at nursery@ashleighprimary.net.

Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Sessions

We are holding Christmas stay and play sessions for the Nursery children this year. We will be welcoming parents to join us for winter themed craft activities and also to sing along to some Christmas songs.

Parents will be invited to sign up for **one session only**. If there is no stay and play on a day when your child attends you are welcome to bring them in for one of the other sessions. Sign-up sheets for the sessions will be available from week beginning November 12th.

Session dates are :

Tues 11 th Dec	• 9:30-10:30am
Wed 12 th Dec	• 1:30-2:30pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	• 9:30-10:30am

Lunches – Wisepay

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 5th November before midnight on Sunday 4th. Thank you.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Hopefully everyone has now received a link to the online booking system for parent consultation appointments. If you have not received this please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net to let the office know.

If your appointment is on **Wednesday between 9 am and Midday please use the waiting area in the main school office**, Mrs Sprake will meet you there.

At all other times appointments will be in Dragonfly Room.

Lost Coat

We are still missing a coat from Nursery, it is olive green with fluff around the hood. We think someone may have taken it by mistake so please check at home, in your cars and with other people who collect your child in case someone has taken it without realising.

If you find it please bring back to the Nursery so we can reunite it with the owner.
Thank you for your help.

Collection

Please carefully supervise older siblings at the end of Nursery. They should not be playing on railings or using the Nursery resources at this time.

Learning links at home

- Follow a recipe to cook your favourite meal at home, what ingredients do you need?
- Go on a walk to “collect” sounds, along the way listen for all the different noises you can hear – footsteps, vehicles passing, an aeroplane, leaves rustling or birds singing.
- We have been working on practising careful counting, using a finger to point at each item and slowly saying the number names out loud. See if you can practise this skill at home!
- Practise independent skills, can you zip up your own coat and put on your own shoes? Look up at the night sky with your child – what do you notice?
- Go on a colour hunt at home, e.g.; how many types of green can you find?
- Can you make a repeating pattern using two colours? Use Lego, paper, colours, chalk to show your pattern.
- Notice patterns on clothes or in the environment around you – look out for stripes, chequered patterns, spots or zig-zigs.
- Create us a firework picture or a picture of a rainbow for our Nursery wall.

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

Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November: Parent consultation appointments

Thursday 8th November 9.15 am and Tuesday 13th November 9.15 am:
Reception intake 2019 open days

Tues 11th Dec: 9:30-10:30am

Wed 12th Dec: 1:30-2:30pm

Thurs 13th Dec: 9:30-10:30am

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

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