

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



7th December 2018

This week

We have been learning about Winter and the seasonal changes at this time of year. The children were fascinated by making ice and noticing what happens when ice melts. We have also been learning about patterns and have been challenging the children to make repeating patterns using two or three colours.

Bike and scooter treat was thoroughly enjoyed by the children (between the rain showers) and we were very impressed with their skills!

Thank you for all the wonderful Tapestry observations of home baking and Christmas preparations, we have enjoyed seeing these and sharing them with the children.

Next week

Next week we will continue to learn about Winter, we will go on a Winter walk to notice the signs of Winter around us. We will also learn why some people celebrate Christmas at this time of year. We will learn about traditions and how people may do different things to celebrate.

Stay and Play Sessions Next Week

Thank you for booking in for these sessions. If you are unable to make your session, or you need to change who is attending for any reason please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net to let us know.

We have been learning a few Christmas songs and the children are looking forward to our grown-ups joining us to sing them too at our stay and play sessions next week!

When you arrive for the session **you have booked** please come to the Nursery side gate where Nursery staff will sign you in as a school visitor. You will leave via the same gate. At the start of the session we will sing a couple of Christmas songs before enjoying some crafts and exploring the Nursery. We expect some of the sessions to be very busy so if possible please leave buggies outside, inside the Nursery gates - there is a covered area you can use in the event of wet weather.

Just a reminder that Nursery is a mobile phone free zone and so please make sure no phones are in Nursery during these sessions. Thank you for your support with this.

Lost property

We have a collection of lost property from this term, we will leave this out on collection in Butterfly room, please have a look and see if any of it might belong to you. At the end of term this will be disposed of appropriately.

Named items will be returned throughout the year.

Word of the week

Each week we will be introducing a new word linked to our topic. We will focus on the word, what it means and using it confidently in sentences.
This week the word of the week was “freeze”.

Books of the week

William’s Winter Wish
Bedtime for Little Bears
Christmas Gingerbread
Non-fiction winter texts

Christmas Lunch Menu – Wednesday 12th December

The menu is:-
Roast Turkey, Gravy and Stuffing with Pork Chipolata OR
Roasted Quorn, Stuffing and Gravy
served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Peas
followed by Banana and Chocolate Muffin with seasonal decoration or Fresh Fruit

The Christmas meal will be bookable via Wisepay as usual, please book by midnight on Sunday 9th December.

No other meals will be available from the school kitchen on 12th December, please send your child with a **home packed lunch** if they do not want to order from the above menu.

Thank you.

Nursery Lunch Prices from January 2019

	via Wisepay	via School (cash/cheque)
Nursery	£1.50	£1.80

Please see the above changes for Nursery children from January 2019. If you need help with the system or your log-in details to be reissued, please contact the school office.

Lunches – Wisepay

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 10th December before midnight on Sunday 9th December. Thank you.

Applying for Reception 2019

Please remember to apply for a school place for your child for the Reception 2019 intake. For information see Norfolk County Council's website
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

Learning links at home

Each week we will suggest some activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in Nursery.

- Talk about celebrations as a family – what do you celebrate and why?
- Go for a Winter walk to spot signs of winter – can you count how many you spot?
- Read some Winter or Christmas stories and make links to traditions at home or things you have noticed out and about.
- Practise careful counting at home – use your index finger to point to each object in turn, count slowly and say one number at a time. Can you check if you were right?
- Can you make a repeating pattern using two colours – with Lego/Duplo/cars/pens/paper chains?
- Acknowledge and talk about different feelings– excited, tired, frustrated, happy, sad, angry etc. Which are comfortable feelings? Which are uncomfortable and how did you start to feel better?

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 Thursday mornings; and all day Wednesday and Friday mornings and afternoons (not Friday lunchtime).

We have a lunch space available on Wednesday.

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

Nursery Christmas craft stay and play sessions–

- 9:30-10:30am Tuesday 11th December
- 1:30-2:30pm Wednesday 12th December
- 9:30-10:30am Thursday 13th December

3:15pm Tuesday 18th December – Nursery closes

8:30am Wednesday 3rd January – Nursery reopens

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