

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### This week

We started our Bear topic by basing our learning around the traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We acted out the plot and read several different versions of the story, noticing the differences in the text and illustrations in each. The children have also enjoyed making and tasting porridge. In their independent learning they have been practising their fine motor skills – using scissors and having a go at drawing bears to develop their pen control.

In maths we have compared the sizes of bears, chairs and beds using size vocabulary. In phonics we began to notice initial sounds in words, we have been hunting for objects beginning with “s” this week and playing “I spy with my little eye”.

### Next week

We will move on to read lots more bear stories. The children are welcome to bring a favourite teddy from home next week to introduce to the class. Please make sure any teddies are clearly named! Alternatively, you could add a picture of your teddy to Tapestry and we will print these pictures and share with the class, or you could draw one for our art wall, or bring in a bear story from home.

### Toys

Please can we ask that, unless topic related, children try to leave toys and personal items at home (or in their bags). We are left with lots of lost toys and many go missing as they get mixed up with Nursery resources. Of course, if children are bringing a regular comfort toy this can continue. Bears are welcome next week as part of our topic (see above).

### Cooking donations

Many thanks for all the donations for this term. We are very grateful for your support in running our extra cooking activities.

Please hand any further donations to Nursery staff on the door in the mornings. Thank you!

### **Books of the week**

Goldilocks and the Three Bears  
Me and You  
Where is the Bear?  
Bumblebear

### **Speech and Language Drop- in Sessions**

Please see attached dates for Speech and language drop in sessions over the next few weeks. Parents can take their children along to these sessions if they have any concerns over their child's speech and language development. Drop in sessions took place in Wymondham last week but there are several more drop in sessions open to anyone scheduled for the Spring.

### **Nursery Lunches**

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

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January before midnight on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

If you need help with the system or your log-in details to be reissued, please contact the school office.

### **Nursery/Home school links**

- Read a bear story together at home. Do you have a favourite bear story?
- Notice different types of bears in picture books, talk about where they live and why they look different to each other.
- Do you have a favourite toy bear? Can you tell us about it in your home/school book?
- Notice environmental sounds when you are out and about – what different sounds can you hear – can you make a similar sound?

### **Applying for Reception 2019**

Please remember to apply for a school place for your child for the Reception 2019 intake – the deadline is **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. For information see Norfolk County Council's website

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

### **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:

Afternoons: Monday

Mornings: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Lunches: Full

We sometimes 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.

### **Important dates**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3:15pm, Nursery closes for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 8:30am, Nursery reopens

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Nursery closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 3:15pm Nursery closes for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 8:30am Nursery reopens

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 3:15pm, Nursery closes for Summer Holidays

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

## The Nursery Team



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Roberts



Mrs Cowdry



Miss Pratt



Miss Bruce



Miss 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