

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### This week

We have continued to base our learning around tiger themed stories, we also used the internet, videos and non-fiction books to find some tiger facts – ask the children a tiger might scratch trees or what colour their eyes are. In independent free flow time the children painted tigers and looked closely at photographs before trying to copy the details. We also made 3D tigers and included all the details that we had noticed from looking at non-fiction books. In maths we learnt the concept of “half” and had fun cutting fruit, biscuits and paper in half. We also practised sharing biscuits so that our toys had half each.

### Word of the week

This week our word of the week was “half” we explored what “half” means and spent time finding half of things such as paper and fruit. At home think about when you use the word “half” and why, such as sharing out food or toys.

### Books of the week

Never Tickle a Tiger  
The Dancing Tiger  
Tiger – non-fiction book

### Next week

We are going to base our learning around Elmer the elephant books and stories, we will learn all about colour, pattern and shape.

### Nursery Open Days for September 2019 Intake

Our Nursery open day for intake in September 2019 is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am. Please pass the dates on to friends or family who may be interested in a place for their child this year.

### Illness

Please contact the school office if your child is unable to attend Nursery due to illness.

Following bouts of sickness and/or diarrhoea, please wait for 48 hours after the last incident before sending your child back to school.

This not only ensures they should be fully recovered, but also prevents the spread of illness to other children and staff.

Thank you for your support.

### Book Week - 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Book Fair – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Ketts Books will be hosting a book fair after school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please come along to have a look and choose a book!

#### **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

The Nursery children are invited to join in with celebrating world book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March along with the rest of the school.

The children can come dressed as a favourite book character that day and after school there is story café from 3pm until 4pm which the Nursery children are invited to attend.

Letters have been sent home (copies available from the office), please return the form by 1<sup>st</sup> March if they would like to come along!

### Cooking

Thank you so much for supporting our cooking activities this half term, so far we have made porridge, sandwiches, cupcakes and cheese puffs. There are some recipes on the information board in Butterfly room, we will try to update these regularly as we cook.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> February before midnight on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

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

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

- Go on a shape hunt – how many circles can you find on a car or in your house?
- Take two plates and see if you can share out food so that each person has half.
- Have you got any Elmer stories at home? Bring one in for us to share with the class.
- Go on a pattern hunt – can you find repeating patterns, stripes, spots or zig-zags?

### **Lost Property**

There is a lost property box in the cloakroom in Butterfly room. Unnamed lost items will be placed there at the end of each day. Please check to see if anything is your child's.

### **The Tiger who came to Tea at Blickling Hall**

Blickling Hall currently have a touring exhibition with activities and a garden trail based around the story The Tiger who came to Tea. For more information please see their website;  
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/blickling-estate/features/the-tiger-who-came-to-tea-at-blickling-estate>

### **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:

Mornings: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Afternoons: Monday

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

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	3pm Ketts Book Fair in the Main Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day dress as favourite character plus 3:00-4:00pm Story Café
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