

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



15th February 2019

This week

We have enjoyed reading lots of Elmer the elephant stories by David McKee. The children have been particularly interested in the tricks that Elmer plays on the other elephants and have been trying to work out how his tricks work!

Elmer stories are full of patterns, so we have taken the opportunity to explore pattern and print. The children have been using 3D shapes to print patterns onto Elmer outlines, exploring what happens and how to use all the space. We have also been playing memory and matching games to match up pairs of elephants with the same pattern.

Word of the week

This week our word of the week was "patchwork"; we explored what "patchwork" meant and that Elmer is a patchwork elephant. At home you could try making a patchwork pattern or look out for patchwork patterns when you are out and about.

Books of the week

Elmer
Elmer Again
Elmer and Wilbur
Elmer and Aunt Zelda
The Animal Bop

Next week

When we return after the holidays we will continue to base our learning around Elmer stories and also the classic sound story "Walking Through the Jungle".

Reward

The children have worked hard to collect "bugs in the jug" in both rooms (a bug is added to the jug to reward good behaviour for learning). The jugs are now full and the children would like as their treat, if they wish, to come to school dressed in crazy colours and patterns to be just like Elmer and his friends.

Nursery staff will also come dressed in patterns on Friday 1st March, but if your child does not attend that day they can wear their crazy colours and patterns any day of the week beginning 25th February - we will take a photo and celebrate all the different outfits to make our own elephant's day parade display.

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 - 4th March

Book Fair – Monday 4th March

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

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

The Nursery children are invited to join in with celebrating world book day on Thursday 7th 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 1st March if they would like to come along!

Collection arrangements

To reduce congestion in Butterfly room and to ensure a safe handover at the end of the session, we dismiss those children being collected by a childminder from the classroom door. Hopefully this means that collection is prompt for all parents.

To reflect the children's growing independence, during the summer term we usually change collection arrangements so that all children are dismissed to their parents/carers from the classroom door – further information on those new arrangements will follow at the end of next half term.

Nursery Lunches

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

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 25th February before midnight on Sunday 24th 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

- Play a matching pairs game – we have been playing this in Nursery this week, it is a challenge to remember where the matching pair is.
- Spot patterns all around – chequered, spotty, repeating or patchwork.
- Can you think of 5 animals that might live in the jungle? What sound would they make if you heard them?
- Can you make a patchwork pattern at home and bring it into Nursery for our art wall?
- If you have any jungle themed stories bring them into Nursery after half term and we will share with the classes.

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.

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 for further information.

Important dates

Monday 3 rd March	3pm Ketts Book Fair in the Main Hall
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day dress as favourite character plus 3:00-4:00pm Story Café
Friday 5 th April	3:15pm Nursery closes for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	8:30am Nursery reopens
Monday 6 th May	Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	3:15pm Nursery closes for half term
Monday 3 rd June	8:30am Nursery reopens
Wednesday 24 th July	3:15pm Nursery closes for Summer Holidays

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

The Nursery Team

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