

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



15th March 2019

This week

This week we have been learning about the first signs of Spring, noticing the flowers growing from the bulbs we planted in the Autumn and blossom appearing on the trees.

The children have been collaging Spring flowers and have had a go at drawing Spring flowers – learning to look closely at the shapes and colours before trying to copy them. Their beautiful art is displayed in both rooms so please have a look.

In our early phonics work we started to notice rhyming words, trying to match words that sound the same. In maths we explored what happens when you add more and how you can find out the total. We have counted snack, crayons, logs and beads, the children have been very enthusiastic and we have seen some impressive counting.

Books of the week

We will be continuing with our Spring topic, moving on to what birds and animals might be doing at this time of year.

We will continue to notice rhyming words and will be challenging the children to hear the “odd one out”, for example from moon, spoon, and bat – which word does not rhyme?

In maths we will continue with counting activities, exploring what happens when we take objects away. We also hope to do some Spring themed baking and if the weather permits taking the children on walks around the school grounds to spot the early signs of Spring.

Next week

Changing seasons
Room on the Broom
The Gruffalo

Summer Trip

We are already planning our Summer trip. This year we are hoping to visit Thetford Forest on Tuesday 18th June. A letter has been sent home to enable us to plan transport and costs. If you have not yet received a copy please let Nursery staff know.

Word of the week

Our word of the week this week was “rhyme”, we talked about what rhyming means. We noticed rhyming words in books and played lots of matching rhyming word games.

Nursery Lunches

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

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 18th March before midnight on Sunday 17th March.

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

Shoes

Please send children to Nursery in shoes which they can fasten themselves. Shoes with laces which can come untied are not suitable for Nursery, unless your child is confident with managing these themselves.

Nursery/Home school links

- Can you play a rhyming word game at home?
- Watch what birds are doing when you are out and about, are they collecting material to build a nest? Or finding food?
- Have you noticed that it is lighter on the way to school and on your way home? Do we wear different clothes at this time of year to protect from rain, or change our clothes for a sunny day?
- Can you draw or paint a Spring flower and bring it in or add to Tapestry to show us?
- Can you have a go at writing your name?

We love to see examples of your learning and progress at home on Tapestry so please do add photographs and comments.

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 there is yours.

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 and Wednesday

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

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