

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



26th April 2019

This week

We hope you all had a restful Easter break, it was lovely to see how settled and happy the children were on their return to Nursery this week.

This week was pet week. We met Percy the tortoise, Chuck and Rudy the guinea pigs, Lulu the rabbit and Monty the Dog. We learnt that pets need food, water, care, love and exercise to stay healthy. We learnt what Vets do to keep animals healthy and the children are excited to act out their learning in our new Vets role play corner.

Thank you for all the photographs of your pets at home on Tapestry, we have really enjoyed seeing these and it really helped the topic to come to life.

In phonics we have been “robot talking” words such as “peg” and “cup”, splitting words up into their sounds and saying these one at a time – a bit like a robot; p-e-g. This supports early segmenting and blending skills, as children begin to read and write.

In maths we have been practicing counting out objects from a larger group, up to 10 objects.

Books of the week

I am a Vet

Pet Kitten

Some Dogs Do

Alfie and the Birthday Surprise

Non-fiction pet books

Word of the week

This week our word of the week was “caring”, we learnt what caring means, how we care for pets and used the word caring in sentences about pets. At home you could talk about how you care for pets, belongings or each other.

Next week

We will continue the animal theme by basing our learning around the book "Dear Zoo". We will be creating our own "lift the flap" pages and be learning lots of early reading skills. In maths we will introduce the children to estimating – having a sensible guess about how many people are here today, how many cubes I'm holding, how many packed lunches there are etc. We will then count to check if we were right.

We are hoping the lambs might arrive on the farm next week too! Please let Mrs Sprake know if you have any concerns about your child visiting or helping to feed the lambs.

Behaviour outside at drop off and collection

Please carefully supervise your children and older/younger siblings during these times. Please note that ball games, bicycles or playing with Nursery equipment is not permitted. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent consultation appointments

Thank you for signing up online for a parent consultation appointment. If your appointment is after 3.15 pm, your appointment will be in Dragonfly room. If your appointment is during the school day please go to the school office and Mrs Sprake will come to collect you.

Summer term drop off and collection arrangements

Next week we will begin our new drop off and collection arrangements. At the start of the session please encourage your child to say goodbye at the door/steps and to bring their own belongings into Nursery. The Nursery adults will be stationed in the cloakrooms to offer support. At the end of the session please wait on the playground and we will dismiss the children to you from the classroom door.

We appreciate some children may find this tricky or need extra support so please just chat to any of us if you have any concerns. We will always build on what is right for each child.

Nursery Lunches

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

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 29th April
before midnight on Sunday 28th April 2019

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

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.

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: Wednesday

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.

Tapestry

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

Important dates

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| 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 |
| Tuesday 18 th June | Summer Trip to Thetford Forest |
| Wednesday 24 th July | 3:15pm Nursery closes for Summer Holidays |

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

Nursery/Home school links

- * Talk to your child about independence, what can they do by themselves now that they couldn't before?
- * Have you ever been to a zoo? Talk about what kind of animals you saw.
- * Paint or collage us a picture of your favourite animal.
- * Ask your child about talking in a robot voice – can they show you what we have learnt?

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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.