

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



4th October 2019

This Week

We started the week with our Autumn walks through the school grounds, the children noticed berries, leaves, seeds and pine cones on their walk, it was a lovely sunny morning and we all had a great time. It was amazing to see all the wonderful Autumn artefacts collected by the children on their Autumn walks at home, we have had lots of fun using these for counting, exploring and cracking open husks to find the conkers inside.

This week we began our early phonics work, listening out for sounds in the environment around us. We made leaf shakers, threading dry, crunchy leaves onto a stick to create a leaf rattle. The children also played musical instruments, copying patterns and beats and exploring loud and quiet sounds.

Next Week

We will continue our Autumn topic, focussing on harvest and seasonal fruit and vegetables. We hope to make apple crumble and taste this in our classes. We will also look inside pumpkins to find seeds and read stories about harvest time.

Nursery Photographs – Monday 7th October

It is school photographs on Monday, Nursery are scheduled to have photographs at 8.45am.

This means we will be going straight over to the main school for our photographs, so will gather the children on the carpet straight away to give us time to get there. Please could you drop off promptly if at all possible, and practise your best smiles ready for the camera!

We also have a slot for afternoon children after lunch.

If your child does not normally attend on a Monday but you have signed up to bring them in for a photograph at 12.30 pm please arrive by 12.25 pm at the school office.

Toys

Now that the children have settled into Nursery please encourage them to leave toys at home where possible. These are often misplaced during the day and can be difficult to find again at the end of the session. If your child has a regular comfort toy they bring that is of course fine, but please encourage them to keep them in their bags where possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Tapestry

Everyone should have now received their email link to sign up for Tapestry access.

This is where we will post observations of your child's learning.

We always like to hear what the children are doing at home so please do add your own posts and comments on your child's learning.

If you need any help with Tapestry please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net.

Cooking

Throughout the year, we try to cook with the children regularly, it is such a fantastic activity for learning all sorts of skills. We have basic ingredients in Nursery but we like to be ambitious in our cooking! If you are able to donate £1 per half term towards our cooking funds we are able to buy extra ingredients to make our cooking more exciting. Last year we enjoyed making gingerbread men, sandwiches, cupcakes, crumble, smoothies, lollies and soup! We will have a cooking donation pot on the door of each room next week. Many thanks for your support.

Reception Open Day

For Parents and Carers of children born between
01.09.15 – 31.08.16 for **Reception**

Please take this opportunity to visit the school, talk to staff and children, and have your questions answered.

To sign up for visit please phone or email the school office.

Tour dates:

Thursday 31st October at 9:15am

or

Tuesday 12th November at 9:15am

Home school links

- Stop for a moment and see what sounds you can hear – try this inside and also outside. Can you hear 5 different sounds?
- Can you make a shaker or instrument at home? – maybe you could add beads or dry pasta to a plastic tub or bottle, or make a leaf shaker by pushing crunchy leaves onto a stick – if you do this we would love to see your work on Tapestry!
- Next week we will be using numbers 1 to 10 to count up conkers and leaves. Can you practice careful counting at home? – use a finger to point at each object and count slowly!

Nursery Lunches

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 7th October before midnight on Sunday 6th October 2019.

If you forget to order school meals before midnight on Sunday please send your child/ren with a home packed lunch that week.

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

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