

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

### **This Week**

The children settled back into Nursery brilliantly after their half term break. This week we have been learning about colours, we read the story "Wow said the Owl" and noticed all the colours in the story. Next, we found colours around us – noticing light and darker shades of the same colour. After that we exploring mixing colours – to make a new colour, or to make colours lighter/darker.

In maths we noticed patterns all around us, looking for stripes, spots, chequered patterns on our clothes and around the Nursery.

The children may have told you about "Activate" in our Nursery session, which we have started this week. This is a programme where the children copy movements to support gross and fine motor skill development – it is great fun too!

### **Next Week**

We will read "Wow! It's night time" by Tim Hopgood and notice the changes, animals and colours that occur at night time. We will discuss celebrations at this time of year and children's experiences of noticing the sky at night – such as stars or fireworks.

In maths we will be finding numerals in the environment around us.

### **Books of the week**

Wow said the Owl  
Mix it up!  
Butterfly  
Owls (non-fiction)

### **Cooking**

This week we made and decorated owl biscuits, next week we will be "cooking" firework playdough.

We will vary our cooking days every week and try our very best to make sure that everyone who wants to cook gets to have a go!

### Parents meetings

Booking details for parent meetings have now been sent out.

Please book via the online system.

If your appointment is on **Wednesday between 9 am and midday please use the waiting area in the main school office**, Mrs Sprake will meet you there.

At all other times appointments will be in Dragonfly Room.

### PATHS

Next week we introduce our "PATHS" (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme to the children, which is followed by the whole school. PATHS is a social and emotional programme to support children's emotional development.

We talk about feelings, that there are comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and that these are ok to have. We talk about acceptable ways to deal with those feelings. We explore problem solving in relation to children getting on and falling out. Previous Nursery parents have noticed a real positive effect at home in managing feelings and behaviours.

As part of PATHS, to support children's self esteem, each day we have a "Special Person", who has special jobs (such as helping to set up snack and count the children), the Special Person receives a compliment at the end of the session, there is space at the bottom for you to write a compliment from home and bring it back to share with the class. Throughout the day children are able to show us how they are feeling using our PATHS display board in a carpet area. The Special Person is picked at random each day and each child takes a turn.

### 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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net).

### 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 a visit please phone or email the school office.

**Tour date:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am**

### **Home school links**

- Look up at the night sky with your child – what do you notice?
- Go on a colour hunt at home, e.g. how many types of green can you find?
- Can you make a repeating pattern using two colours? Use Lego, paper, colours, chalk to show your pattern.
- Notice patterns on clothes or in the environment around you – look out for stripes, chequered patterns, spots or zig-zigs.
- Create us a firework picture or a picture of a rainbow for our Nursery wall.

### **Nursery Lunches**

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November before midnight on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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