

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **This Week**

This week has been the start of our spider topic. The children have been fascinated to learn all about spiders. We began the week reviewing what we already knew about spiders and what we wanted to find out, then the children explored lots of spider and spider web challenges in their independent play and learning. The children's amazing artwork is displayed in both classrooms, so do have a look on your way through.

On Friday we enjoyed Children in Need day, thank you for all the donations – look out for the total raised in a future whole school newsletter.

### **Next Week**

We will continue our spider topic but focus more on counting and number problems. Spiders are great for maths! We will be practising our careful counting skills to add legs and eyes to spiders, rolling a dice to see how many flies are caught in webs, sorting spiders and building web patterns.

### **Books of the Week**

Spider non-fiction texts  
100 Facts about Spiders

### **Word of the Week**

Each week we will be introducing a new word linked to our topic. We will focus on the word, what it means and using it confidently in sentences.

This week the word of the week is "catch". We noticed how a spider can catch its food in a web; we practised playing catch and saying "good catch" when our friends caught the ball.

### **Christmas Cards**

At this time of year we often get asked for lists of names so that children can send cards to all of their classmates. As we now have a larger number of children at Nursery, this results in a huge number of cards to give out, making it difficult for us to hand these out in class time. If your child would like to send cards we would appreciate your support in making this more manageable this year.

- \* Your child could make or write one card for the Nursery and we will share these with the children and display in the Nursery classrooms.
- \* You could add a Christmas message/art work to Tapestry.
- \* Your child could hand out their cards to their friends before or after their Nursery session.

Thank you for support, if you have any concerns or queries please let us know.

### **Donations**

If you have any unwanted newspaper for our art tables we would be grateful if you could bring in to Nursery for us to use.

Also, if you have any unused pegs at home, we are always in need of these to hang up our creations!

### **Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Sessions**

Sign-up sheets are now available for these sessions.

Please sign up for one session only.

When sessions are full please add your name and number and we will let you know if a space becomes available.

If you know you cannot make your booked session please remove your name from the list so that we can offer someone else the space.

We limit this to one adult per child due to space in the classrooms.

### **Applying for Reception 2019**

Please remember to apply for a school place for your child for the Reception 2019 intake. For information see Norfolk County Council's website

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

### **Tapestry**

You can also add observations from home onto Tapestry, we really love to see them - please ask a member of Nursery staff if you need any help using the Tapestry system. If you have not received an email with activation instructions let us know at [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net).

### **Nursery Lunches**

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November before midnight on Sunday 17<sup>th</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.

### **Learning Links at Home**

- Think of a question about spiders – what would you like to find out? Add your question to Tapestry and we will investigate the answer next week.
- Look for spider's webs as you walk to Nursery, can you notice what the spiders are doing?
- Can you weave a spider's web at home? Use pasta, wool, or building blocks.
- Can you play "catch" at home? You could use a soft toy, ball or a balloon.
- Practise independent skills, can you zip up your own coat and put on your own shoes?

**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