

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **This Week**

This week has been all about the traditional tale of The Gingerbread Man! The children have listened and joined in with the story, enjoyed playing with character puppets, story cards, making gingerbread shapes out of playdough, decorating paper gingerbread men and retelling the story to their friends. We also made gingerbread men and noticed how the ingredients changed when we mixed and baked them.

Thank you for all your baking photos at home, it was lovely to see the children applying their home baking knowledge at school and to see the photographs on Tapestry.

### **Next Week**

For the final weeks of term, we will move into learning about "Winter" and then moving into our Christmas activities. Next week we will think about the seasonal changes we notice all around us, how lots of the trees have lost all their leaves now, how the mornings and evenings are much darker and how the weather is getting colder.

The children will also learn about ice, how ice is made and how it changes through investigating ice in their messy play activities.

### **Books of the Week**

The Gingerbread Man  
Keep Running Gingerbread Man  
Traditional Tales

### **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 was "**bake**". We made gingerbread men and baked them in the oven.

### **Bugs in the Jug**

The children have been collecting "bugs in a jug" - a bug is placed in the jug when we notice great behaviour for learning - great listening, helpful tidying, working with friends or where children are kind, helpful and considerate to one another. Once the jug is full the children can choose a reward for their hard work.

### **Nursery Lunches**

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December before midnight on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

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

Sign-up sheets are now available for these session.

Please sign up for one session only.

### **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).

### **Lost Property**

We have a collection of lost property from this term, it is in a box in Butterfly room cloakroom, please have a look and see if any of it might belong to you. At the end of term this will be taken to the main school lost property.

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### **Learning Links at Home**

- Add a photograph to Tapestry to show us your baking at home! Which ingredients did you use? Did they look different after you mixed them or cooked them?
- Retell the story of the Gingerbread Man, can your child tell you what happened at the beginning and the end of the story? Can they remember some of the characters?
- We used <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game> this week to practise our counting and matching this week, why not try it at home as well?
- We have been learning some Christmas songs....can your child sing these to you at home? (Jingle bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer)
- Go for a wintery walk – what do you notice? Look at the trees, the sky, the flowers and plants and notice what has changed in the last few weeks.

**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