

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **This Week**

We have been learning about Winter and the seasonal changes at this time of year. The children were fascinated by making ice and noticing what happens when ice melts. We have also been learning about patterns and have been challenging the children to make repeating patterns using two or three colours.

Thank you for all the wonderful Tapestry observations of home baking and Christmas preparations, we have enjoyed seeing these and sharing them with the children.

### **Next Week**

We will also learn why some people celebrate Christmas at this time of year. We will learn about traditions and how people may do different things to celebrate.

### **Books of the Week**

William's Winter Wish  
Little Rabbit Foo Foo  
Non-fiction Winter texts

### **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 **"shiny"**.

### **Nursery Lunches**

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December before midnight on Sunday 8<sup>th</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**

Thank you for booking in for these sessions. If you are unable to make your session, or you need to change who is attending for any reason please email [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) to let us know.

We have been learning a few Christmas songs and the children are looking forward to our grown-ups joining us to sing them too at our stay and play sessions next week!

When you arrive for the session **you have booked** please come to the Nursery side gate where Nursery staff will sign you in as a school visitor. You will leave via the same gate. At the start of the session we will sing a couple of Christmas songs before enjoying some crafts and exploring the Nursery. We expect some of the sessions to be very busy so if possible please leave buggies outside, inside the Nursery gates - there is a covered area you can use in the event of wet weather.

Just a reminder that Nursery is a mobile phone free zone and so please make sure no phones are in Nursery during these sessions. Thank you for your support with this.

### **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**

We hope you have enjoyed seeing observations for the Autumn term, we try to make sure each child has at least one observation per week. There will be less observations for the next week and a half, as we get ready for the holidays and are working on some projects with the children – look out for these coming home soon!

### **Lost Property**

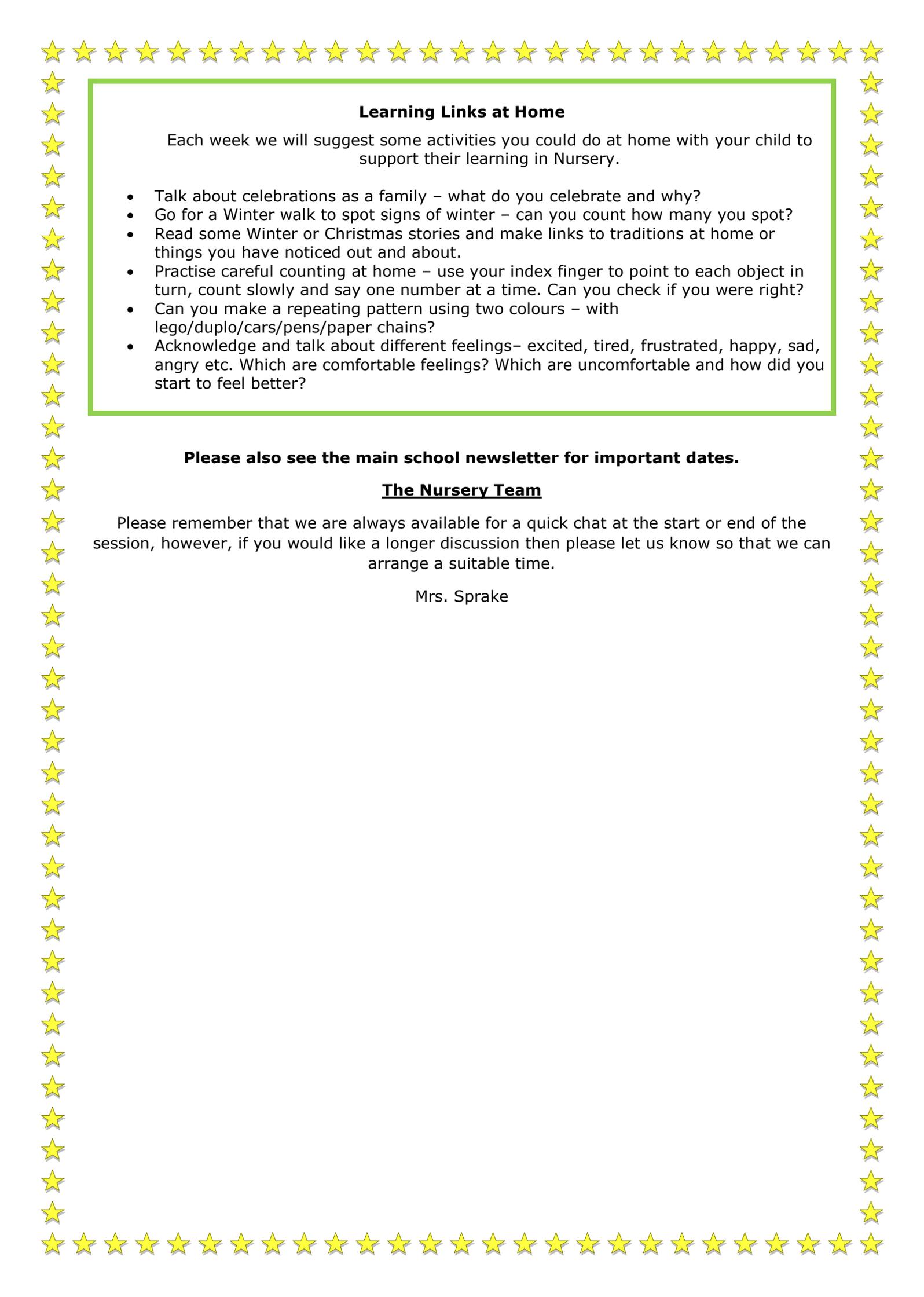
We have a collection of lost property from this term, it is in a box in Butterfly room cloakroom, please have a look and see if any of it might belong to you. At the end of term this will be taken to the main school lost property.

### **Session availability**

We have the following permanent spaces available:

**Mornings:** Tuesday & Friday

Please contact Monica in the school office at [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.



### **Learning Links at Home**

Each week we will suggest some activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in Nursery.

- Talk about celebrations as a family – what do you celebrate and why?
- Go for a Winter walk to spot signs of winter – can you count how many you spot?
- Read some Winter or Christmas stories and make links to traditions at home or things you have noticed out and about.
- Practise careful counting at home – use your index finger to point to each object in turn, count slowly and say one number at a time. Can you check if you were right?
- Can you make a repeating pattern using two colours – with lego/duplo/cars/pens/paper chains?
- Acknowledge and talk about different feelings– excited, tired, frustrated, happy, sad, angry etc. Which are comfortable feelings? Which are uncomfortable and how did you start to feel better?

**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