

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



17th January 2020

This Week

We have based our learning around a bear theme, reading lots of interesting bear stories, finding bear non-fiction books in the school library and also meeting lots of the children's bears from home.

We have enjoyed meeting, describing and comparing our bears, the children have also been trying hard to notice details and have a go at observational drawing, you can see their amazing efforts displayed in both Nursery classrooms.

Many thanks for all the bears brought in from home, the lovely books and Tapestry photographs. These have really helped us to bring the topic to life!

In Maths we have been learning to recognise numbers and match to the correct quantity. You can support your child at home by looking for numbers all around you and talking about which ones they know.

Next Week

We will be basing our learning around some popular Bear stories, starting with "Postman Bear" by Julia Donaldson. This story is about Bear getting ready for his birthday party so the children will learn through making cakes, counting candles and setting up mini-parties with the toys. In Maths we will be exploring the concepts of more and less which are often tricky for children to learn, at home you can support by talking about who has "more" at mealtimes.

Books of the Week

We're going on a Bear Hunt
Hooray for Fish
The Everywhere Bear
Bumblebear
Never take a Bear to School
Bear Spotting for Beginners

Word of the Week

This week the word of the week was "favourite".
The children talked about their favourite toys, food and bears!

Nursery Lunches

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 20th January before midnight on Sunday 19th January 2020

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.

Independent Skills

Now that the children have been in Nursery for a term we are encouraging independent skills! Children are now able to take out their own straws for milk time, to put on their own shoes and have a go at zipping up their own coats.

Of course we are very happy to help, but we encourage children to have a go themselves first – see if you can have a practise at home too.

Shoes

Please note that lace up shoes are not appropriate for Nursery unless your child is able to manage the laces independently, we find these cause tripping incidents. Velcro or push on styles enable children to master putting on their own shoes more quickly at this age.

Open Days

Our Open Days for the September 2020 Nursery intake are Thursday 6th and Tuesday 11th February at 9.15 am, including a short talk and Nursery tour.

If you have younger siblings or friends who may be interested please spread the word!

Session Availability

We have the following permanent spaces available:

Mornings: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Please contact Monica in the school office at nursery@ashleighprimary.net for further information.

Nursery/Home School Links

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

- Talk about more and less, who has more, who has less? How can we get more?
- Read a bear story together at home.
- Find out a fact about real bears – where in the world do they live?
- Can you draw your teddy bear and bring us in a picture to add to our bear displays or art wall?
- Notice numbers all around you, which ones do you recognise?
- We have been using <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers> to help us recognise numbers and count quantities. Can you try it at home?

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