

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### This Week

We have continued to base our learning around tiger themed stories, we also used the internet, videos and non-fiction books to find some tiger facts – ask the children why a tiger might scratch trees or what colour their eyes are.

In independent free flow time the children painted tigers and looked closely at photographs before trying to copy the details. We also investigated making tea for the tiger and had great fun mixing, stirring and pouring tea and sugar to see what happened.

In Maths we learnt the concept of “half” and consolidated this by cutting paper and breaking biscuits in half. We also had a go at sharing biscuits so that our toys had half each.

Our phonics this week focused on rhyming words. Listening for rhyme is a very difficult skill for children to master, so we play lots of games and rhymes to help us.

In cooking we made cheese puffs, noticing the change in the pastry once it was cooked.

### Next Week

We are going to base our learning around Elmer the elephant books and stories, we will learn all about colour, pattern and shape.

### Books of the Week

Never Tickle a Tiger  
The Dancing Tiger  
Tiger – non-fiction book

### Word of the Week

This week our word of the week was “half”, we explored what “half” means and spent time finding half of things such as paper and fruit. At home think about when you use the word “half” and why, such as sharing out food or toys.

### **Book week**

The Nursery children are invited to join in with celebrating world book day, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, by coming dressed as their favourite book character.

There will be a book fair, run by Kett's books, after school in the main school hall. Nursery will open our gates early at 2.50pm if people wish to collect children early to enable them to attend.

### **Nursery classrooms**

Over the next few weeks work will begin on converting the remainder of the old children's centre into a second Nursery classroom, linked to the current Dragonfly room.

Eventually the Butterfly room will move into the new classroom providing a brand new purpose built space for the Nursery children to use, with the same access to the garden and outside spaces. We expect the rooms to be ready to open for our new September 2020 intake, however we hope to begin the process of moving later after the Easter break.

We will work to ensure that the current children have a smooth transition into the new room and we will keep you updated of any changes as they occur.

### **Funding**

Please make sure you check and update your 30 hours funding code regularly.

**You need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months on the government gateway website.**

More information is available via your government gateway online account. Please ask Monica in the school office if you have any funding queries.

### **Lost Property**

There is a lost property box in the cloakroom in Butterfly room. Unnamed and lost items will be placed in this box at the end of each day. Please check to see if anything there is yours.

### **Nursery Lunches**

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 before midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### **Session Availability**

We have the following permanent spaces available:

**Mornings:** Monday and Friday **Afternoons:** Wednesday

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

### **Nursery/Home School Links**

- Go on a shape hunt – how many circles can you find on a car or in your house?
- Can you notice rhyming words in stories?
- Take two plates and see if you can share out food so that each person has half.
- Have you got any Elmer stories at home? Bring one in for us to share with the class.
- Go on a pattern hunt – can you find repeating patterns, stripes, spots or zig-zags?

**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