

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### This Week

We have enjoyed reading lots of Elmer the elephant stories by David McKee. The children have been particularly interested in the tricks that Elmer plays on the other elephants and have been trying to work out how his tricks work!

Elmer stories are full of patterns, so we have taken the opportunity to explore pattern and print. The children have been using 3D shapes to print patterns onto Elmer outlines, exploring what happens and how to use all the space. We have also been playing memory and matching games to match up pairs of elephants with the same pattern.

### Next Week

When we return after the holidays we will continue to base our learning around Elmer stories and more learning about patterns.

### Books of the Week

Elmer  
Elmer Again  
Elmer and Wilbur  
Elmer and Aunt Zelda  
The Animal Bop

### Word of the Week

This week our word of the week was "enormous" we explored what "enormous" meant and how to use it in a sentence. Can you look out for enormous animals/trees/vehicles?

### 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.

### NSPCC Pants

- Following on from the letter sent home on Monday, just a reminder that in the first week back after February half term, the children at will be discussing the **NSPCC's PANTS rules** in lessons throughout the week. A further information leaflet will be sent out at the end of that week.
- During these discussions, pupils will be taught how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from sexual abuse.
- PANTS stands for:
  - **Privates are private;**
  - **Always remember your body belongs to you;**
  - **No means no;**
  - **Talk about secrets that upset you;**
  - **Speak up, someone can help.**
- The lessons will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate, empowering pupils without using any potentially worrying words.
- If you have any questions regarding how this will be taught in your child's class or would like to view the resources used, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Sprake.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 before midnight on Sunday 23<sup>rd</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:

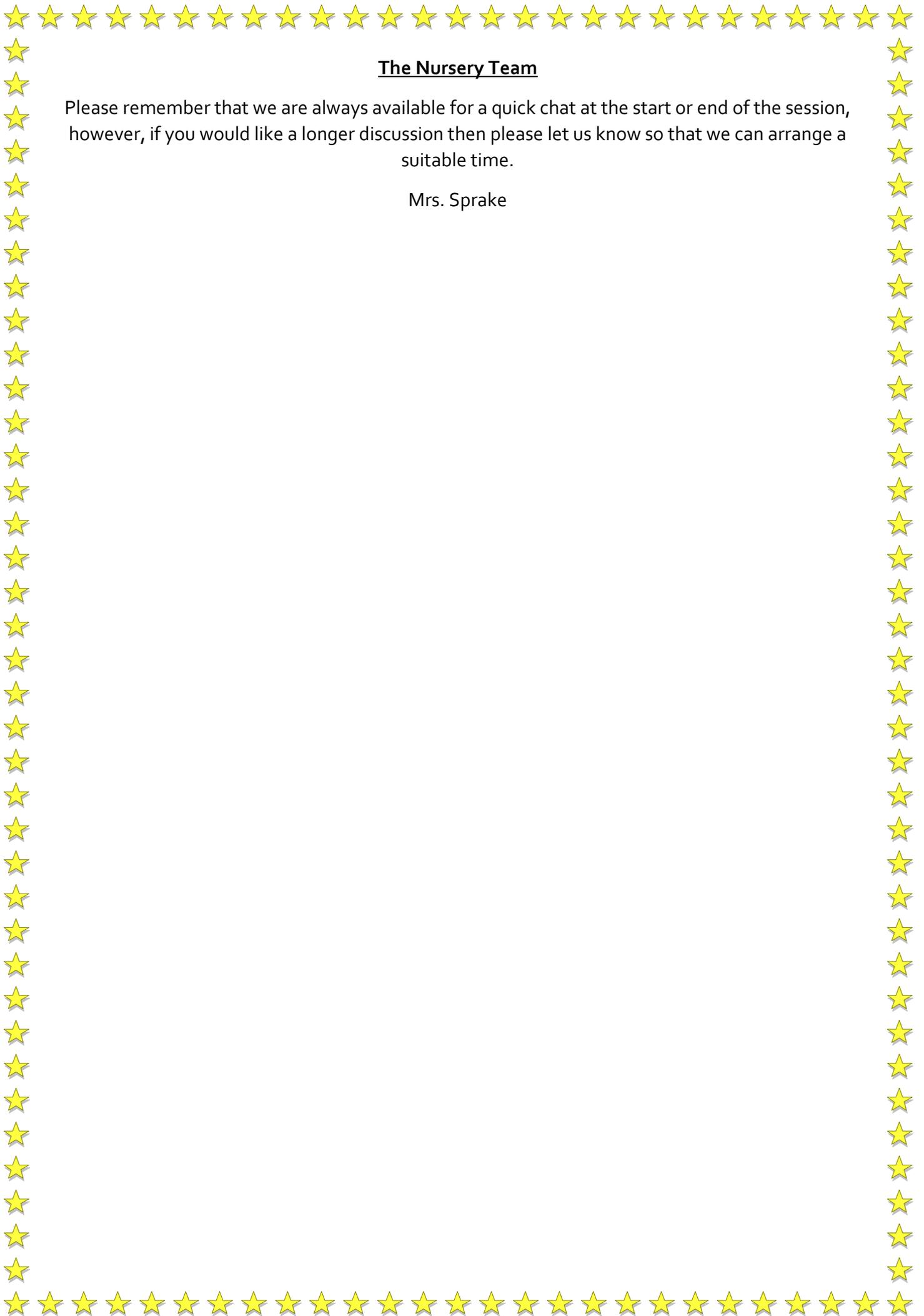
**Mornings:** Monday and Friday

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

### Nursery/Home School Links

- Play a matching pairs game – we have been playing this in Nursery this week, it is a challenge to remember where the matching pair is.
- Spot patterns all around – chequered, spotty, repeating or patchwork.
- Can you think of 5 animals that might live in the jungle? What sound would they make if you heard them?
- Can you make a patchwork pattern at home and bring it into Nursery for our art wall?
- If you have any jungle themed stories bring them into Nursery after half term and we will share with the classes.

**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