

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



16th October 2020

This week

The children very much enjoyed the sound story "Peace at Last", we listened to the sounds in the story and tried our best to copy these sounds using our voices. This "tuning in" to sounds helps the children to get used to the skills needed to start learning their phonemes in Reception.

Later in the week we used our careful listening skills to see if we could guess mystery sounds, we listened carefully to work out if the sounds were quiet or loud and used lots of describing words to talk about each one – for example a crunchy, snapping sound or a soft, quiet sound.

Next week

Next week is slightly shorter as we close for the half term holiday.

We will be dissecting pumpkins next week to see what is inside! Outside we will be bulb planting with our fantastic gardening donations (thank you!).

I have been so impressed this half term with how quickly the children have adapted to their new Nursery and have taken responsibility for coming in independently. They have amazed us, and we think it is going to be a brilliant year.

Thank you for all your support in these very different circumstances and have a great half term holiday.

After the holiday we will learn about colours, using the story "Wow said the Owl" by Tim Hopgood.

Parent consultation phone calls

It has been lovely to have the opportunity to talk to many of you over the last week. If you have not been able to book an appointment please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net.

Tapestry

Tapestry is now up and running, hopefully your child will receive at least a weekly observation of their learning. When we speak to you at parent consultations, we will also let you know your child's key person and next steps.

School/Nursery Photos

The children enjoyed posing for their photos on Tuesday. They will have brought home an order form with details of how to order photos online.

Speech and Language

If you have any concerns about your child's developing speech and language skills, there is a helpful section for parents on the East Coast Speech and Language team website. The Nursery Teachers will speak to you more about ideas to support your child specifically during the parent consultation phone calls.

<https://salt.ecch.org/parents/>

Absence

If your child is unwell, please email or call the school office to let them know on the first morning they will be absent from Nursery.

Bags and shoes

Please make sure all bags are clearly named with the child's name on the **outside** of the bag, we have several identical bags of various colours!

Please make sure your child wears shoes to Nursery that they can take on and off themselves, laces are not suitable for Nursery as they come undone and frequently cause trips. Thank you for your support with this.

Session Availability

We have the following permanent spaces available:

Mornings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Lunch: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Afternoons: Thursday and Friday

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



Extended Hours

Please remember to reconfirm your code every 3 months. You won't receive a new code but your existing one will be extended for another 3 months. You should receive an email to remind you of the expiry date but always best to log into your account and make a note on the calendar!

Learning links at home

- You could practise your careful counting using a favourite game on the Topmarks website – teddy numbers. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>
- Can you practise putting your coat on and zipping it up yourself?
- Play I-spy or think of some words that begin with the same letter as your name!
- Can you have a go at learning to write the first letter of your name? Or even start to try a few more letters?
- How many colour names do you know? If you have paint at home can you mix the colours to see what happens?

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.