

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



20th November 2020

This week

The children found out lots of information about spiders using non-fiction books, photographs and websites. During our free-flow time the children made spider hats and models and put to good use their emerging counting skills!
We found out how big the world's biggest spider is and contrasted this with the spiders we might see out and about where we live. The children also enjoyed retelling the Incy Wincy spider Nursery rhyme using real drainpipes and toy spiders!

Next week

Our learning next week will be based around the traditional tale of "The Gingerbread Man". We will look at the story structure (how does it start and what happens at the end?), the characters and enjoy joining in with the repetitive language in the book.
We will also be creating and decorating gingerbread crafts in our free-flow activities, using patterning and careful counting to help us. We usually cook gingerbread during this topic, unfortunately this year we are unable to do our cooking activities due to covid protective measures. We will replace this with other craft activities but if anyone would like to make gingerbread (or really any sort of baking!) at home you could add the photos to Tapestry and we will show the class! We will add our usual recipe to Tapestry in case you want to try it.

Word of the week

Our word of the week is "delicate". We learnt that delicate means easily broken, we found delicate items around the Nursery and garden, such as shells, petals, tissue paper, and craft materials. We also talked about spider's webs, although they are strong to catch flies, they are delicate if we touch them. The children noticed that living insects are delicate and need to be handled with great care.

Books of the Week

Various non-fiction spider texts (we have explored the features of these)
Spinderella
Incy Wincy Spider
Never shake a rattle snake
There's a Shark in the Park

PATHS

This week we have continued our daily 'PATHS person of the day' routines, the children have enjoyed the jobs that go with this role, counting the children, preparing snack and helping around the Nursery. Our daily compliments are completed for each 'special person' and these are being sent home with space for you to add a compliment from home.

This week through circle time discussions and stories we have been celebrating the ways in which we are similar but also different and have continued to explore our emotions thinking about our comfortable and more uncomfortable feelings.

Applying for school places

Norfolk School Admissions have asked us to remind parents/carers:

- Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start school in Reception in the school year starting September 2021.
- Parents need to make an application, even if their child currently attends a nursery class at the same school.
- The easiest way for parents to apply is on-line at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or they can request an application form from our Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.
- Additional information, and a link to the online application, is available on the County Council's website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-classes

Session Availability

Please make sure you have let Mrs Howard know if you would like to increase the hours your child attends Nursery, we are currently processing enquiries from new and existing children and would like to make sure we can meet needs as far as possible. We anticipate spaces might be full soon, so do let us know if you are considering adding extra hours by emailing nursery@ashleighprimary.net

We have the following permanent spaces available:

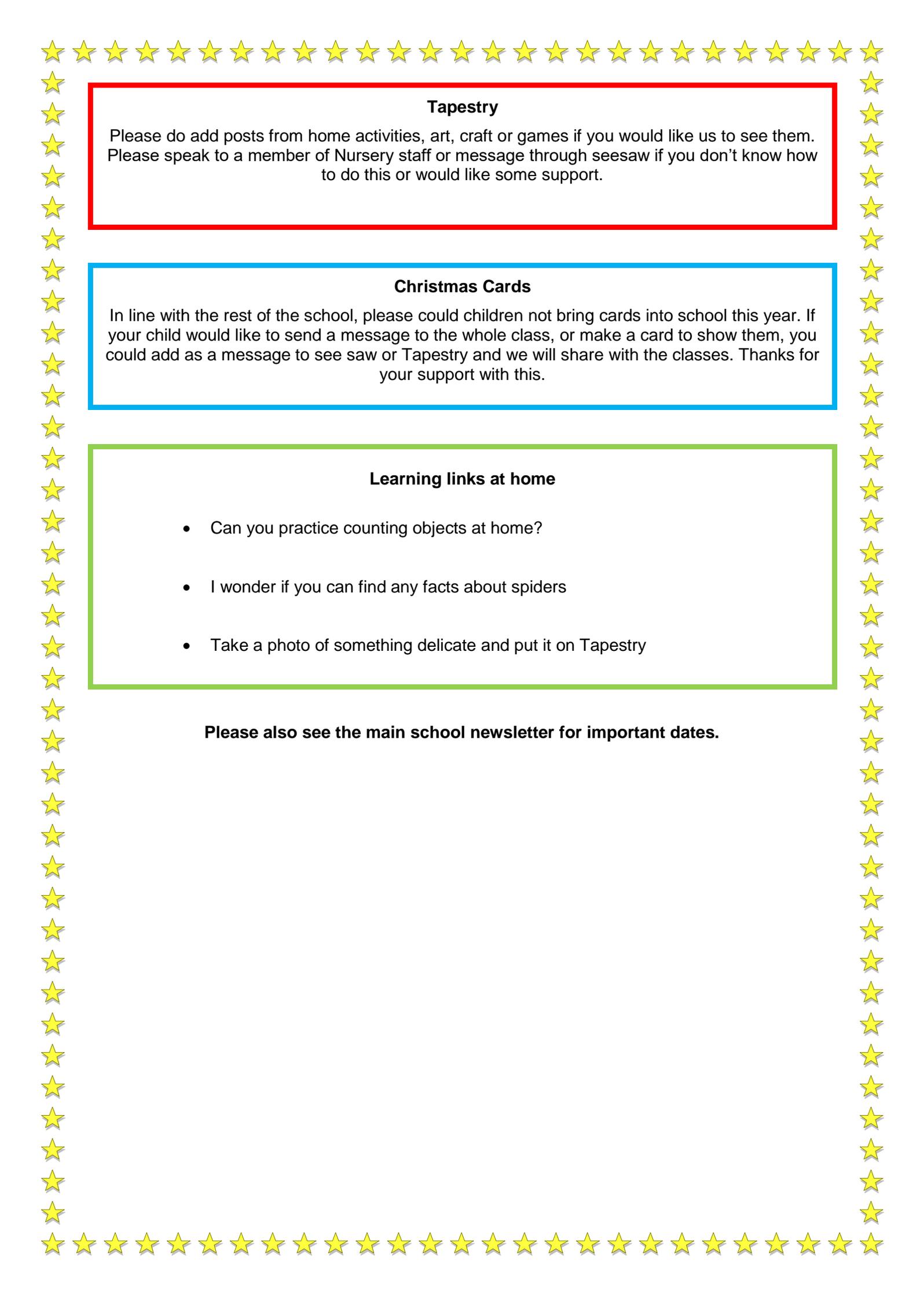
Mornings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Lunch: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Afternoons: Friday

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.



Tapestry

Please do add posts from home activities, art, craft or games if you would like us to see them. Please speak to a member of Nursery staff or message through seesaw if you don't know how to do this or would like some support.

Christmas Cards

In line with the rest of the school, please could children not bring cards into school this year. If your child would like to send a message to the whole class, or make a card to show them, you could add as a message to see saw or Tapestry and we will share with the classes. Thanks for your support with this.

Learning links at home

- Can you practice counting objects at home?
- I wonder if you can find any facts about spiders
- Take a photo of something delicate and put it on Tapestry

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.