

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

### This week

This week the children continued to learn how to observe living things closely, our focus was snails and slugs. The children enjoyed carefully finding snails outside, and observing how their bodies are different from other mini-beast we've seen. The children tried drawing from observation, learning to look closely at patterns and shapes they could see. We also looked at shells to notice the spiral shapes and had a go at making our own spirals on whiteboards, in chalk and from loose parts. The children showed some great progress with creating shapes and patterns through the week, this led us to notice other patterns in nature. In phonics this week we listened for the beats in a word, we clapped these out to help us. This is an important skill which will help children to break words into sounds to read and write.

### Word of the week

The word of the week was "**slither**". The children learnt that the word "slither" describes movement along a surface, in a twisting motion. We sorted animals that slither from those that do not slither! Of course the children had great fun pretending to slither themselves!

### Favourite books this week

The snail and the whale

Sharing a shell

Are you a snail?

Slug needs a hug

Norman the slug with the silly shell

### Next week

We will start a life-cycle study with the arrival of 5 caterpillars. Over the next few weeks we will watch their lifecycle and metamorphosis. This will begin to develop the children's understanding of life-cycles and change over time.

In maths will be ordering numbers 1 to 5 or 10 and in phonics we will be listening out for environmental sounds.

### Extra sessions

We currently have some space for our existing children to increase hours if they wish to do so in the run up to starting school. Spaces available are:

**8.30 am to 11.30 am:** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

**11.30 am to 12.15 pm:** Thursday/Friday only

**12.15 pm to 3.15 pm:** Fully booked all week

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

### Nursery/Home school links

- Can you draw a snail picture for us? How many body parts can you remember?
- Clap out the beats in the words cat, caterpillar, butterfly, worm and zebra. Which word had the most beats?
  - Can you tap or clap along to the beat of your favourite song?
- Can you find patterns outside? (look at road markings, brickwork on buildings, leaves, bark, stones etc). What kinds of pattern can you notice?

We love to see examples of your learning and progress at home on Tapestry so please do add photographs and comments.

**Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.**