

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



16th July 2021

Last week

We have excitedly been learning about starting school! All of the children have talked about what they are looking forward to at school. We have read lots of books and stories about starting school and talked about all the feelings we might have when doing something new. In maths we have practiced writing numbers and matching quantities to the corresponding numeral. We have also had great fun practising turn taking outside, playing some sporty games – scoring goals, throwing and catching and working together as a team to pass a ball or beanbag around the circle.

This week

We finish the year learning about Summer, and noticing again all the seasonal changes around us. The children learn about keep healthy and safe in hot weather, what plants and animals need in the Summer and how our clothing and activities might change with the seasons. As the Nursery year draws to an end, no new posts will be added to **Tapestry** from today, you should shortly receive a link to **download a PDF** of your child's learning journal. The **links are time limited**, and we clear the system before the new intake in September so please make sure you download a copy within the designated timeframe.

Favourite books this week

Topsy and Tim start school
Come to school too blue Kangaroo

Zog

Bumblebear
Boris starts school

Next week

We will try to make the last few days memorable for the children and have planned lots of games, fun activities and outdoor stories to make the last days fun! As we approach our last few days at Nursery it is time to look back on the start of the year; we had many children joining us with little experience of pre-school or Nursery, having just lived through the disruption of lockdown. The children astounded us with their capabilities and independence and were soon settled and happy. It has been a pleasure to observe the children learn and play and to watch their confidence and learning behaviours grow. They are all so confident and excited for their next challenge! We know the year has been less than ideal and we thank you for your patience with drop-offs/collection and social distancing.

Word of the week

Last week's word of the week was **uniform**, we learnt about wearing uniforms, the kind of places people might wear a uniform and why. The children talked about their own school uniforms and new ones for September. Can you talk at home about uniforms and who might wear them? What is your new uniform like for September?

This week's word of the week is **Summer** – we learnt about seasonal changes, clothes we might wear in Summer and what we might do in Summer time.

Wellies

We will put the wellies outside next week for collection. We would be grateful if you could collect any that are yours as we have plenty of spares and are usually left with many pairs each year. Please take these even if your child will be attending Ashleigh next year, as we will recycle any left at the end of term.

Book start packs

We have a number of copies of last year's Book Start book "Octopants", which were given to us as extra copies by the Library. We will send some copies home with children, if you already have it, feel free to donate to another family.

Lost fleece

A Nursery child is missing a blue Ashleigh fleece, with a zip front. Could you please check at home to see if your child has brought home the fleece by accident. If you find it please return to one of the Nursery staff.

Nursery/Home school links

Talk about Summer – what do we notice about the weather in Summer, is it lighter when you go to bed? Are there some activities you can do in Summer but that are more difficult in Winter? How do you keep safe and healthy when it is very hot?

Can you muddle up numbers to 5 or 10 and try to re-order them correctly?

Talk about feelings – what does excited feel like?

Keep mark making and writing over the summer, practice holding a pen with a comfortable grip.

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.