

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



18th June 2021

This week

We have had a great time learning about where we live, we learnt that we all live in or near Wymondham and where this is on the world map. Thank you for your contributions for our world map, it has really helped the learning come to life for the children. The children have drawn maps from their memory of places they know, with impressive results. We also learnt about things we might see around us, such as road signs and street lights; what they are for and why they are there. In phonics we continued playing listening games, really challenging children to use their listening skills. We closed our eyes and listened carefully to identify which direction a sound came from, and had lots of listening moments outdoors to see how many sounds we could collect. In maths we attempted to recognise and have a go at writing some familiar numbers, such as age or house numbers.

Word of the week

The word of the week was **“town”**. We found out that Wymondham is a town. We learnt that a town is a place with shops, houses, places to work, roads and parks. It is smaller than a city like Norwich but bigger than a village. When you are out and about on your way to nursery talk about the town and what you can see in it – can you spot familiar buildings or landmarks?
Where do you go most often?

Favourite books this week

Lost and found
Marvin gets Mad
Homes (non-fiction)
Monsters love underpants

Next week

We will begin a fortnight's topic on dinosaurs. This is always a popular theme, chosen because it has some great learning potential! The first week will be a maths and number focus and the second is a dinosaur book (non-fiction and fiction) focus. We know we have some dinosaur experts in the classes so I look forward to hearing all their knowledge.

Hot weather

Please make sure the children have a **water bottle and hat** and arrive at Nursery with **sunscreen applied** as needed during the very hot weather. We are lucky to have a very shaded garden where the children can play and we always carefully monitor how long they spend in the sun. We are also building in extra time for drink breaks. Please talk to your child about how to keep safe and stay feeling cool in hot weather.

Gate

You will have noticed a new system for our gate to the road. Please help us to keep the gate shut at all times when you enter and leave the nursery playground. There is a green button to release the gate on the inside, and the gate is programmed to unlock at key times. At other times the gate is always locked. Nursery staff will manually open the gate at other times.

Transition to Reception classes

We know you will be receiving transition information from Reception classes, if your child needs time off to attend transition sessions, this is fine, but please let us know on nursery@ashleighprimary.net, so that we can update our registers. If you have any concerns about your child's transition to their Reception classes please speak to Mrs Sprake or Mrs Roberts, we will be happy to chat!

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: Fully booked all week

12.15 pm to 3.15 pm: Fully booked all week

Please contact Monica at nursery@ashleighprimary.net for further information.



Nursery/Home school links

- Can you look at a world map together? What do the blue areas represent? Can you find where we live?
- Can you spot road signs on your way to Nursery – do you know what they mean? Why do we need them to be there?
 - Can you practise recognising and writing your name?
- We are starting to talk about our new schools! What are you most looking forward to about your new school?
- Go for a walk - can you spot houses, bungalows, flats and shops? How many street lights did you see? Why are there numbers on the houses?

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.