

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### This week

We hope you all had a great half term week. This week we used the book "Wow said the Owl" by Tim Hopgood to explore colours. We found out there are three primary colours and looked at what happens when you mix them together. Then throughout the week the children explored colour sorting, mixing and light and dark colours through their play. We have also introduced Numicon this week – colourful shapes which represent different numbers - the children used them for sorting, printing, threading, and treasure hunting! Numicon is a whole school resource that teaches the children the value of number.

### Next week

Next week will start a fortnightly topic about spiders! Children are always fascinated by spiders and have enjoyed noticing their dew-covered webs in the Nursery garden recently. The first week of this topic we will focus on counting skills, counting to 8 and learning some spider themed counting rhymes. The second week we will focus on spider stories and rhymes. We will also learn some facts about spiders and of course get involved in some spider themed artwork and crafts.

### Word of the week

From this week we start learning a "Word of the week" in Nursery, these are words we pick each week which aim to enhance children's understanding of key topic words. This week our word of the week is "bright", you can support at home by noticing bright colours and patterns and using the word in sentences such as "your coat is a very bright colour".

### Library

On a Tuesday morning each week the children will have the opportunity to visit the school library (connected to Nursery), where they will choose a book to bring back to the classroom.

### Seesaw

Keep an eye on Seesaw to see what we've been up to; we will try to add a post a few times a week!

### PATHS

Next week we will introduce our "PATHS" (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme to the children. PATHS is a social and emotional programme to support children's emotional development. We talk about feelings, that there are comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and that these are ok to have. We talk about acceptable ways to deal with those feelings. We explore problem solving in relation to children getting on and falling out. Previous Nursery parents have noticed a real positive effect at home in managing feelings and behaviours.

As part of PATHS, to support children's self esteem, each day we have a "Special Person", who has special jobs (such as helping to set up snack and count the children). The Special Person receives a compliment at the end of the session, there is space at the bottom for you to write a compliment from home and bring it back to share with the class. Throughout the day children are able to show us how they are feeling using our PATHS display board in a carpet area.

### 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.

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

### Session Availability

We have the following permanent spaces available:

**Mornings:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

**Lunch:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Afternoons:** Thursday and Friday

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

### **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.

### **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!

### **Lunch session invoices**

Lunch session invoices and details on how to pay have been emailed to all families. Please could all payments be made by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. After this date, a late payment fee of £10 will be applied in addition to the outstanding balance.

Please email Monica on [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) if you have any problems paying by the above date.

### **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.**