

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### **This week**

We have based our learning around the traditional tale of the Gingerbread Man. The children really enjoy the repetitive nature of the story and then the unexpected ending! One of our key skills at Nursery age is being able to retell a story. We have spent the week making books, puppets and acting the parts of the characters. It has been wonderful to hear the children telling the story in their own words. Thank you for all the baking photographs from home, the children have been chatting about these in Nursery too – it is not too late, if you do any baking over the next few weeks add a photo to Tapestry, we always love to see them.

### **Next week**

Next week we start our Winter topic, noticing changes in the weather and how it gets dark quickly. We will also explore ice and the processes of freezing and melting through hands on investigation! After that we will move on to learning about celebrating Christmas. We would normally host a stay and play session for parents/carers but this year we hope to film some fabulous singing and music for you and add to seesaw for a virtual performance!

### **Word of the week**

This week our word of the week was “catch”, we enjoyed playing Gingerbread people outside seeing who we could “catch” and we’ve also had fun playing outside all week to practice our catching skills. See if you can use the word at home and look out for it in stories.

### **Books of the Week**

Books and stories  
The Gingerbread Man  
Traditional Tales

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Learning links at home

- Can you retell the story of the Gingerbread Man? What happens right at the beginning of the story? What happens at the end?
- Can your child remember the main characters from the story? (sometimes they are different in different versions of the story).
- Use the Gingerbread man game on topmarks to practice matching and counting – can you show your grown-ups what we've learnt in Nursery? <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game>
- Practice writing your name – we have seen some amazing progress in early writing over the last few weeks, can you see if you can write the first letter of your name?
- It is getting colder...can you get your coat on by yourself and do up the zip? This is an excellent independent skill and is a great for fine motor skills too.
- Scissor skills are brilliant for developing fine motor control. If you have any child safe scissors at home, you can practice cutting simple circles or snips in paper, start with something such as newspaper or magazine paper and gradually move to thicker paper. After that, try cutting around a simple shape or picture.

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