

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



19th March 2021

This week

A warm welcome back to Nursery, we have been so impressed by how well the children have settled again following the closure period. The home learning is very noticeable and the children are keen to show us what they know – a heartfelt thank you for supporting the home learning while Nursery was closed, we know it isn't easy and you did a marvellous job!

The children have enjoyed learning more about Spring. During our farm sessions the children have planted potatoes and onions outside, and have planted seeds in the polytunnel. We collected eggs on the farm and found an old bird's nest which we examined closely to notice all of the materials the birds used to build it. We watched a video of a bird building a nest and noticed how they weave the materials using their beaks.

In phonics we continued learning to hear rhyming words, trying to match rhyming pairs and notice the odd word out in rhyming games. In maths we have been enjoying number rhymes, particularly those involving subtracting (5 little ducks, Mr Shark or 5 little men in a flying saucer) we have been noticing how the numbers get smaller as you take one away. We have also been counting jumps, claps and steps!

Next week

We will be continuing with our Spring topic, moving on to learning about Easter. Now that the weather is a bit better, we will be taking small groups of children on Spring walks within the school grounds to spot signs of Spring.

In phonics we will be using the musical instruments to copy patterns. In maths we will be learning about number patterns – for example seeing 4 dots on a dice and knowing that there is "4" without counting.



Books of the Week

Eggs and chicks

Hen's Pens

One mole digging a hole

Superworm

Peace at last

Well-being Bags

We hope most children have now received their well-being bags, these were given to every child at Ashleigh. The Nursery bags contained a pet themed story by David Walliams to read with your child at home, which will support their knowledge for our Pet topic after Easter!

If your child has not received a bag, please let one of the staff know on drop off.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to Nursery each day and that this contains water only, no squash please.

Pet topic

After the Easter Holidays will be learning about pets. This is always a very popular topic with the children. We have a tortoise, rabbits and chickens which will visit Nursery so that we can learn how to care for pets. If you have a pet at home that you would like to take a photograph of to show us, please add to Tapestry or Seesaw. This really helps the topic to come to life for the children!

Shoes

Please send children to Nursery in shoes which they can fasten themselves. Shoes with laces which can come untied are not suitable for Nursery, unless your child is confident with managing these themselves.

Nursery/home learning links

- Watch what birds are doing when you are out and about, are they collecting material to build a nest? Or finding food?
- Ask your child how a bird builds a nest, can they tell you some of the materials used.
- Can you go for a Spring Walk...? what did you see? (blossom, Spring flowers, birds)

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.