

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

### **This week**

Throughout the week we have been reading animal stories, to develop our early reading skills and love for stories. The books we read this week are listed in the section below. Our vet role play area continued to be very popular, with lots of animals cared for over the course of the week! This week we introduced estimating, having a good guess how many there might be before we count. We estimated how many children in the circle, toys on the carpet and beans on our plates! The children improved their estimating through the week, noticing how they could start to see patterns and know when it was likely to be a big or small number. In phonics we introduced robot talking (splitting up words into their individual sounds f-o-x or r-e-d). This is great fun but also gets the children used to blending sounds in their heads and segmenting words into sounds.

### **Word of the week**

Our word of the week was estimate. We learnt what estimate means, having a sensible guess about how many there could be or the size of something, and had a go at estimating in different situations all week. Try estimating at home and see if your child can tell you what the word estimate means.

### **Favourite books this week**

The slightly annoying Elephant  
Giraffes can't dance  
Bear feels ill  
Class Two At The Zoo  
Monkey Do!

### **Next week**

It is art week in Nursery next week! Each day we will look at a famous piece of art and then learn a new skill or technique to help us have a go at making some art of our own. In maths we will be learning about shape and pattern and in phonics we will be trying to listen for words which begin with the same sound.

### **School transition**

The children are likely to have received their Reception class allocations for September now. This is a big and exciting step for the children! Later in the summer term we have a school role play area and lots of positive starting school story books to support the transition. We also organise transition meetings with their new schools. Please do speak to Mrs Sprake or Mrs Roberts if you have any particular concerns around this.

### **Early Years Claim Forms**

Please could all Summer Claim forms be completed and returned by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, thank you. Forms are available at the School Office if you are unable to print a copy.

### **Nursery/Home school links**

- Try estimating, how many cars in the car park, how many peas on your plate, how many flowers growing etc. At first children may guess a very large or small amount – “zero” or “one million”, talk through your thoughts “well, there must be more than zero, because I can see one here” or “there can’t be a million because they would be falling off the plate”. Encourage them to have another go and see if their estimates improve.
- Can you draw or paint us a picture of your favourite animal for our Nursery wall?
- It was Earth day this week, talk about what you do at home to help the environment (recycling, using cloth shopping bags etc).
- Practise robot talking at home c-a-t, r-e-d. At this stage it is just for fun, there is not a wrong way to do it!
- Play a word game. As a group, think of animals beginning with “t”. Or challenge yourselves to think of 5 animals beginning with “d”.

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.**