

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### This week

This week the children have enjoyed the start of our mini-beast topic, learning about ladybirds. We found out lots of interesting facts by looking at non-fiction texts. In maths the children practised their counting and estimating skills, we learnt to “see” the pattern of up to 6 spots, and to realise sometimes that when we can see a pattern we don’t need to count each one (this is the same skill as recognising dice patterns without counting). In phonics we played sound games to help the children to learn to hear the first sound in a word. This is a really good first skill to help with early reading and writing.

### Word of the week

The word of the week was “first”. The children learnt what first means and we found the opportunity to use the word lots in our daily routines. Can you have a race at home and see who comes first?

### Favourite books this week

What the ladybird Heard  
Ladybird non-fiction  
Ella: The little ladybird with the big heart  
The bad tempered ladybird

### Next week

We will learn all about worms! The children have made a wormery with Mrs Durrant during their farm sessions, so we will be using this carefully to observe how worms move and mix the soil. Worms are great for noticing details – we will learn how worms move and how their bodies are different to other mini-beasts. Worms are good for learning size vocabulary, will we compare lengths of (pretend) worms to practise using the words longer/shorter to describe length. In phonics we will be continuing our work on hearing initial sounds.

### Lost property

We have quite a collection of lost property, please ask if you think you may have lost something at Nursery. We will also put the boxes outside at collection time for you to have a look.

### Sunny weather

We are all very pleased the weather has finally become warmer and we can enjoy the outside areas even more! We are outside much of the day at Nursery so please make sure your child has a sun hat if needed and sun cream applied **before** Nursery.

### 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:** Thursday/Friday only

**12.15 pm to 3.15 pm:** Fully booked all week

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

### Nursery/Home school links

- Can you collect/hunt for objects around your house starting with the “s” sound, this is said like a continuous “ssss”? You might find socks, sandwiches and sauce!
- Practise recognising small numbers without counting, how many shoes are there? How many plates at dinner? Do you need to count each time?
- Can you find out a worm fact to tell us next week?
- Thank you for the lovely art work for our wall, maybe you could draw a ladybird picture for us to display? How many legs will you need?

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.**