

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



14th May 2021

This week

This week was all about worms! The children are fascinated with these familiar but also quite mysterious creatures. The children were developing their early scientific skills by looking closely at worms and photographs to notice details, this also led to some interesting questions such as “can worms breathe under the soil?” and “what is the thicker part of their bodies for?”. Through the week we were able to find out interesting worm facts by reading simple non-fiction books or by watching the worms themselves. The children added some new worms to our wormery and enjoyed watching the tunnels they created. Of course we also learnt about being kind, careful and considerate to all creatures.

This week we used size vocabulary to talk about worms being longer/shorter and to compare objects around the setting. The children made their own long “worms” using cotton reels, cubes and paper chains.

In phonics the children tried to find words which begin with the same sound, and also to listen for the first sound in our names.

Word of the week

The word of the week was “long”. The children learnt that the word “long” describes the length of something, and objects can be long, longer or the longest. We compared worms (made of wool!) to find the longest. Can you practise using the word at home?

Favourite books this week

Superworm
Wiggling worms at work
Compost stew
Bugs – non-fiction texts

Next week

We continue with our mini-beast topic by having a close look at snails. The children are always fascinated to learn how snail's bodies work to help them safe. We will also use the opportunity to notice spiral and line patterns, and have a go at creating our own.

In phonics we will return to copying beats, rhythm and rhymes. We will also explore how many beats are in a word.

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 for further information.

Nursery/Home school links

- With a grown up to support, can you hunt for mini-beasts in your garden or outside?
Where might you find them?
 - How many animals can you think of that start with "t"?
 - Can you find 3 objects in your house which are longer than your hand?
- Can you clap out the beats in your name and other family names? i.e. syllables - Ben would have 1 beat, Rebecca would have 3.

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.