



5th November 2021

This week

We hope you all had a great half term week. This week we used the book "Wow Said the Owl" by Tim Hopgood to explore colours. We found out there are three primary colours and looked at what happens when you mix them together. Then throughout the week the children explored colour sorting, mixing and light and dark colours through their play. We have also introduced Numicon this week – colourful shapes which represent different numbers - the children used them for sorting, printing, threading and treasure hunting!

Next week

We will begin the week continuing our learning about colours, brightness and fireworks. Later in the week we will start a fortnightly topic about spiders! Children are always fascinated by spiders and have enjoyed noticing their dew covered webs in the Nursery garden recently. The first week of this topic we will focus on counting skills, counting to 8 and learning some spider themed counting rhymes. The second week we will focus on spider stories and rhymes. We will also learn some facts about spiders and of course get involved in some spider themed art work and crafts.

Word of the week

From this week we start learning a "Word of the week" in Nursery, these are words we pick each week which aim to enhance children's understanding of key topic words. This week our word of the week is "bright", you can support at home by noticing bright colours and patterns, and using the word in sentences such as "your coat is a very bright colour".



PATHS

Next week we will introduce our “PATHS” (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme to the children. PATHS is a social and emotional programme to support children’s emotional development. We talk about feelings, that there are comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and that these are ok to have. We talk about acceptable ways to deal with those feelings. We explore problem solving in relation to children getting on and falling out. Previous Nursery parents have noticed a real positive effect at home in managing feelings and behaviours.

Family Learning sessions

In partnership with Norfolk County Council Family Learning we are hosting two sessions at Ashleigh. These are free and an opportunity for you to visit Nursery with your child whilst learning about how to support development of your child and/or younger siblings. The dates are likely to be 25th November and 2nd December. We will confirm dates and booking details next week. Spaces will be very limited but if we receive lots of interest we will try to run further sessions. The session outlines from family learning are;

Little Movers

This fantastic FREE session will help your child/ren make little friends! You will discover the importance of taking turns, building relationships and expressing feelings for your child/ren’s social development, wellbeing and learning. This session is designed for parents/carers and their children aged 1 to 4, taking part together.

Little Talkers

This fantastic FREE session will help support your little talkers! You will discover the importance of stories, rhymes and games for your child/ren’s communication development, wellbeing and learning. This session is designed for parents/carers and their children aged 1 -4 years, taking part together.

