

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



21st January 2022

This week

We have had a wonderful week, continuing our topic 'Bears' and in particular real bears! We learnt new facts, and stood next to a life size cut out of a Black bear who stands at 8 Feet tall! Our word of the week 'Favourite' has been used to describe the different bears and their features, and was the focus of a wonderful game where the children took it in turns to roll a ball and ask each-other questions beginning with 'What is your favourite....?' We talked about colours, films, books, toast toppings, sandwiches and ice cream. The children were wonderful at taking it in turns and listening carefully to each other's answers.

We studied the fantastic Michael Rosen story 'We're Going on a bear Hunt' and talked about the order of events. The children practised their Team-working skills sequencing the story using 12 pictures from the book. We talked about how to include everybody when we work in a team.

Our numeracy inputs have been focussed on 'More and Fewer'. The children have been excellent at spotting the differences between different sets and been practising using items from around the classroom.

We have done lots of making too this week, moving bears, using oil pastels and painting using water-colours. We have talked about what the different materials look like and how to use them. We were so impressed when the children talked about mixing colours and named them.

Next Week

We will be starting a new topic 'Tigers'. We will of course be looking at the Judith Kerr classic book 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. As well as looking at the art work in the book, we will look at shopping lists, learn a song, look at the Tiger's markings and thinking about camouflage.

The children have turned our small world kitchen into a shop! So we may need to stock Tiger food. We will also use play money to bring the role play to life.

Next week we are thinking about 'Estimating' in Maths. We will be guessing before counting how many children attend Nursery each day. We will embed the idea of 'estimation', giving realistic and exaggerated examples to engage the children "How many crisps do you think there are in a packet of crisps? One or A hundred?"

Next week, in our phonics session, we will be thinking about rhythm and rhyme. We will be playing games to think about rhyming words, and learn 'The Tiger who came to Tea' song and clap the beats! Our word of the week is 'Empty'. What happened when the tiger came to tea? What things do we empty? What happens if we don't empty?

Please could you also make sure your child doesn't bring in any toys / teddies as we have a risk assessment in place that doesn't allow personal items from home.

Ashleigh Guiding stars

This week we have been talking even more about our Guiding Stars:

Kindness to yourself and others
Keep everyone safe and Keep trying.

We began the week with a special assembly in our classroom led by Miss Lacey, who brought along the new school tombola. The children talked about their achievements, and two children chose a book as a prize from our selection from Ketts' Books.

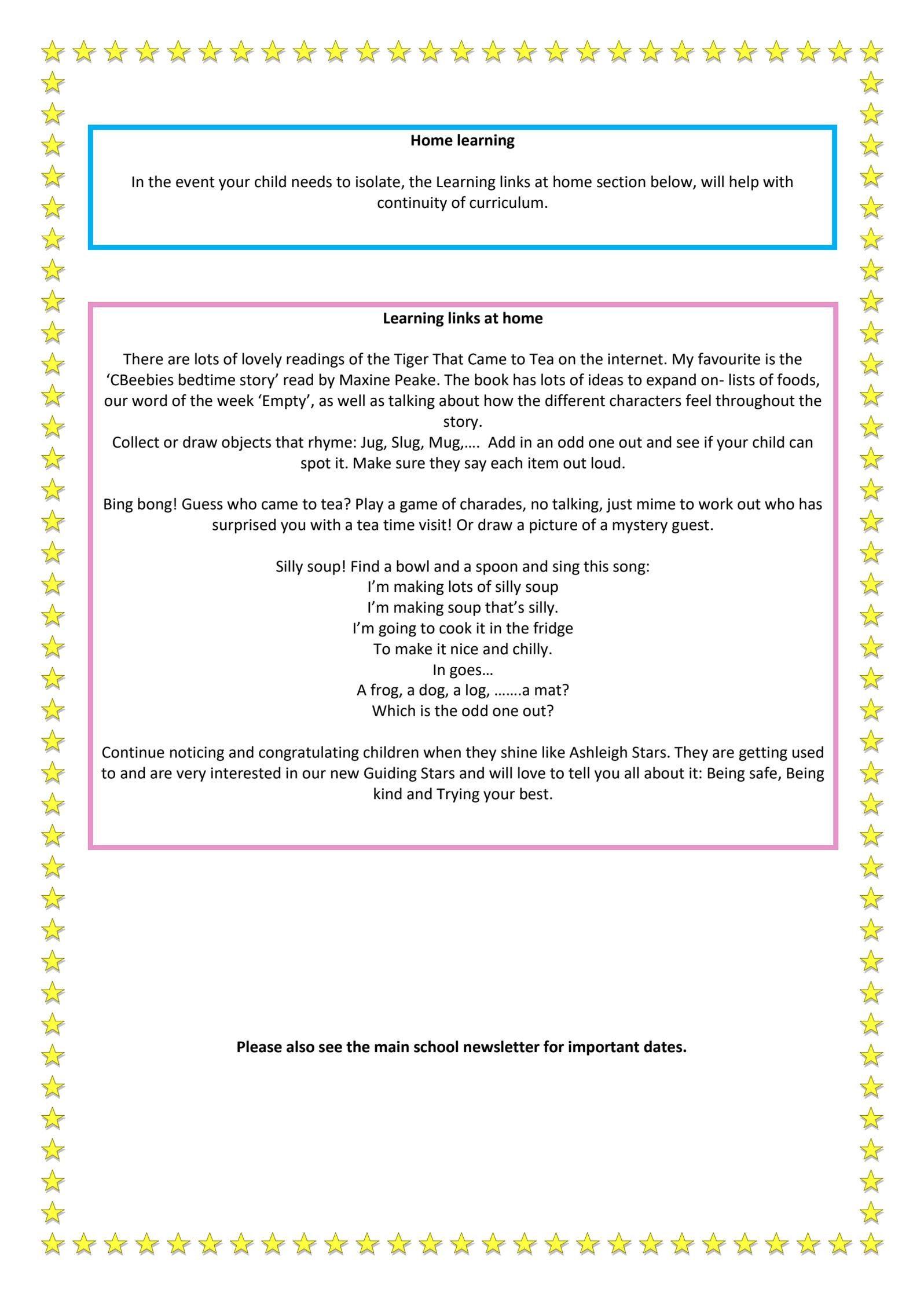


Book of the week

The Tiger who came to tea- Judith Kerr
I'll wait Mr Panda- Steve Antony

Lunch boxes and water bottles

Please could you name your child's lunch box and water bottle. Some children find it difficult to recognise their own belongings, thank you.



Home learning

In the event your child needs to isolate, the Learning links at home section below, will help with continuity of curriculum.

Learning links at home

There are lots of lovely readings of the Tiger That Came to Tea on the internet. My favourite is the 'CBeebies bedtime story' read by Maxine Peake. The book has lots of ideas to expand on- lists of foods, our word of the week 'Empty', as well as talking about how the different characters feel throughout the story.

Collect or draw objects that rhyme: Jug, Slug, Mug,.... Add in an odd one out and see if your child can spot it. Make sure they say each item out loud.

Bing bong! Guess who came to tea? Play a game of charades, no talking, just mime to work out who has surprised you with a tea time visit! Or draw a picture of a mystery guest.

Silly soup! Find a bowl and a spoon and sing this song:

I'm making lots of silly soup
I'm making soup that's silly.
I'm going to cook it in the fridge
To make it nice and chilly.
In goes...
A frog, a dog, a log,a mat?
Which is the odd one out?

Continue noticing and congratulating children when they shine like Ashleigh Stars. They are getting used to and are very interested in our new Guiding Stars and will love to tell you all about it: Being safe, Being kind and Trying your best.

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.