

Ashleigh Nursery Newsletter



25th February 2022

This week

We hope you all had a great half term. We enjoyed looking at the children's half term adventures posted on Tapestry!

This week we have learnt why Aliens Love Underpants! And been thinking about how to keep our bodies safe. We have learnt some new Makaton signs 'yes', 'no' and 'private'. The children are building up quite a collection of signs now and understand why we might need to use them when we communicate with others.

Our topic this week was NSPCC Pantosaurus. With the focus being 'comfortable' and 'uncomfortable feelings'. We read a book called 'Don't Hug Doug (He doesn't like it)' which reinforced the message, and talked about what private means. The children all talked about their 5 trusted adults, who they would go to feel heard and safe.

In our phonics sessions we have been using both real and made-up words to give aliens funny sounding names.

The children were excellent at guessing the first sounds of zoo animals.

In our maths session we have been looking at '2D shapes'. We tried to guess the shape by either looking at a small part or by description.

We used shapes in our creative areas too; Making playdoh cookies into various shapes and alien drawings/paintings by using regular shapes for their bodies.

Next week

World book day- 'dress up as your favourite book / character'

Thursday 3 March

For some wonderful ideas have a look at the World Book day website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

We are collecting ideas from now onwards for special books to read to the children during this week, so please do let us know.

Knowing what books they like will help children talk about them with their friends and grown-ups at Nursery. We will try and gather the books from our school library to read next week. If your child would like to bring a book in to show their friends and talk about why they like it, please could you label them.

You could upload a photograph of your child reading their special book on to Tapestry.

For pancake day, we plan to demonstrate and talk about weighing of ingredients. Children will learn about what a recipe is and what happens if you get it wrong.

Next week in our phonics sessions, we will work on voice sounds – real animal sounds, giving pictures appropriate sounds, volume of our voices and how this can bring a story to life.

What shapes do our mouths make when we make different sounds?

We will read books with repeated refrains and practice memorising the words.

Book of the week

Rabbits pancake picnic

Mr Wolf's pancakes

Book Fair on Thursday 3rd March

Kett's Books will be here after school on Thursday 3rd March, with an amazing selection of books. If the weather is good they will be outside the new hall, opposite the playground. If the weather is poor, they will be on the other side of the doors, inside the KS2 library.

World Book Day vouchers will be given to children on Thursday which can be used at the Book Fair, or other participating booksellers.

Edwards & Blake – Lunch Price Increase

Edwards & Blake have advised us that, due to rising costs and inflation, they are increasing the price of Nursery lunches from £1.60 to £1.65.

These increases will come into effect from the start of the summer term.

Home learning

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

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Have fun weighing!

Talk about quantities in recipes and what would happen if we got them wrong. The book 'Rabbit's Pancake Picnic' is excellent for addressing this and seasonally appropriate!

Have a go at making pancakes – sweet and savoury or bake a cake.

What toppings are your favourite?

Post pictures on Tapestry if you can.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This is on Thursday 3rd March, with events going on nationwide all week.

Dress up as a favourite book character and talk about what you like best about your favourite book.

How would you describe what happens?

Is there a main character?

Did you learn anything from reading the book?

Visit the World Book Day website

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

live link from Cambridge Theatre, London for a performance of Matilda 11am, 28 Feb 2022-

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/world-book-day-live-with-matilda-and-friends/>

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



Learn some new Makaton signs, and practise the ones we learnt in school.

Phonics - Voice sounds

See how close you can match the animal sounds with your own voice.

Look in a mirror to see what your mouth does when you make the sounds.

Encourage actual animals' sounds (rrrrrruuuuuufffff) rather than names for animal sounds (woof).

[EYFS. Listening skills - 12: Sound games 1 - BBC Teach](#)

Read a book with a repeated refrain. My favourite is Paperdolls by Julia Donaldson.
How much of the refrain can they remember? Lots of repetition will help this.

Continue noticing and congratulating children when they shine like Ashleigh Stars. They are getting used to and are very interested in our Guiding Stars and will love to tell you all about it:

Being safe, Being kind, Trying your best, Team Work and Great Listening!

Stars shine brighter when they are with others.

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.