

Ashleigh Nursery Newsletter



25th March 2022

This week

Ashleigh Nursery Spring Art Show 2022



The highlight of our week has undoubtedly been our Spring Art Show! It was so wonderful to welcome families and friends into Nursery to see all the wonderful art work created in Art week. For some of you it was the first time you had set foot inside and I must admit to feeling quite emotional after everyone had gone! Thank you for coming along.

If you don't already follow the school Twitter account, consider doing so to see our Art Show pictures and also other exciting things happening in the school! @PrimaryAsheigh

This week we have been helping the children make Mother's Day and special people cards. We have loved seeing your photos and hearing about who's who from your children.

Our 'Values' focus has been 'special people' and the children have been drawing faces to help think about their special named person. Our texts this week also related to 'special people: family and friends'. The children found books about super hero mums, dads, excellent grandparents and brilliant siblings. We also encouraged thinking about what makes each of us unique.

In maths we have been adding 2 sets together to make one larger set using the Part, Part, Whole method. We have used every opportunity to show this in action; using toys, cubes, numerals, play doh fish etc. Physically moving the objects and 'counting on' has helped the children grasp the concept of addition.

We have had much more outdoor play this week, even rugs and puzzles were taken outside, it has been glorious!

Next week

Our last week of the term! It has flown by. Next week we will be thinking about Easter and learning how some people celebrate Easter through their worship.

We will be doing a fun (numeracy-linked, non-chocolate) Easter egg hunt on Monday, followed up by our second Spring walk on Tuesday. We will see what changes have occurred and say hello to our chickens.

We will continue thinking about people who are special to us and will be talking together about our Easter break plans. With this in mind, our Word of the Week will be 'Easter' and we will be encouraging the children to think about Easter as a time of new beginnings and new life.

Our Phonics next week will again be rhythm and rhyme. We will be using poems, books and games to find out more about words that rhyme. The children love rhyming books repeated so that they can join in. This week Hairy McClary from Donaldson's Dairy proved a huge hit!

Our maths focus next week will be subtraction. We have learnt the Part, Part, Whole model this week and will use this as a way to show what happens when you divide one set into two sets. Again, we will explore this using all sorts of different objects inside and outside Nursery.

Book of the week

The Easter story
Hairy McClary from Donaldson's Dairy – Lynley Dodd
The Rhyming Rabbit – Julia Donaldson

Polite reminders

Sunhats will soon be required (we hope!)

We are a **nut free school** so please do not send any form of nuts into school, including peanut butter, we do have children with specific allergies.

Please name your child's belongings; clothes, hats, gloves, water bottle, lunch box etc

Thank you!

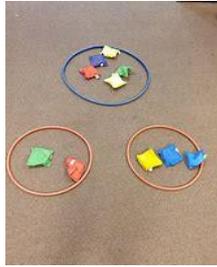
Home learning

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

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday 27th March, there are lots of lovely craft ideas on the internet that could inspire a handmade gift!



Maths: Begin with all the objects (toys, fruit etc.) in one set. Count them out. Split them into two smaller sets. Count them again. Practise writing the numeral to show how many there are.

Have a Spring walk and notice the changes outside, using as many senses as possible. Close your eyes and listen for birdsong.

Read lots of books with rhyming words. Stop at intervals to ask your child which words rhyme. Repeat them!

[Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy | BookTrust](#)

We showed the children this (slightly) animated reading by the author of this classic book. They loved it! There is a second version on the website which has signing on too. The children were enthralled by this. One to watch again and again. There are other books in this series to read.

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.