

Ashleigh Nursery Newsletter



15th July 2022

This week

We welcomed Iklooshar and Mark of 'The Garlic Theatre' to Ashleigh for a beautiful performance of 'The Nosy Little Troll' this week. The children were transfixed by the mixture of song, puppetry and traditional storytelling, not to mention Iklooshar's haunting accordion playing. The children sat beautifully and enjoyed joining in, pointing at the puppets excitedly in all the right places! Iklooshar and Mark even gave the children a round of applause for being such an excellent audience!

Follow this link to see the tour dates for other productions: [Tour Dates - Garlic Theatre.](#)

We have thought a lot about 'new classes and new schools' this week, with the children role-playing a Reception Class, using a visual timetable, carpet spots, well done tickets and teacher's desk complete with keyboard! The children seem very excited about their next steps. Our maths learning was joining two sets together to make a larger set. The children are enjoying learning 'counting on' to find the total when adding different amounts together.



Next week

Theme: What have we learnt?

Word of the week: Proud

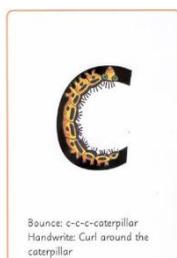
As we enter our last week in Nursery, we will be reflecting on over 10 months of play and learning. The children should be so proud of the amazing, confident, caring people they have become, as well as their academic achievements. We will be consolidating our writing, number and phonics knowledge, talking about how independent the children have become, and revisiting some favourite themes.

We will of course still be mindful of the emotions that transition brings and support the naming and describing of these feelings.

Read, Write, Inc. (RWI).

Our final, and 11th, new speed sound of the Nursery Year will be 'c'. We will be revising 'o', 'g', 'p', 'n', 'i', 't', 'd', 'm', 's' and 'a'.

'c' is a bouncy sound and the formation is learnt with the phrase: 'Curl around the caterpillar'.



Maths

We will be revisiting the Nursery Maths curriculum, including: Recognising, counting, ordering and sequencing numbers. We will also look at pattern, symmetry and shapes through child-led table top activities.

Ashleigh Values

As well as thinking lots about our feelings, we will be telling the children how proud we are of them and talking about how much they have learnt! We will encourage them to complement each other, which they are already so good at, having practised this daily with our 'Special Person of the Day' routine.

Tapestry

Thank you so much for all your comments and uploads on Tapestry throughout the year. The children love looking at each-others' pictures and use them as prompts when we talk about our weekends. **Please note that Tapestry will close today but you will soon receive a link to a PDF of your child's learning journey.**

Book of the week

I am too absolutely small for school – Lauren Child

Preloved uniform sale reminder

Friends of Ashleigh School are hosting a preloved uniform sale this afternoon at 3pm in the school playground. Please note; they are only able to take cash.

Sunny Weather

We are outside much of the day at Nursery so please make sure your child has a named sun hat, and sun cream applied **before** Nursery.

Polite reminders

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

New school

[Starting School \(bbc.co.uk\)](http://bbc.co.uk)

This is a lovely game where you can personalise the character and go for a walk to school and be introduced to the different areas in a classroom.

Maths

[Maths: Age 3–4 \(Early Years\) | Oxford Owl](#)

This is a link to some good ideas on how to embed maths into everyday activities.



Phonics

This is really helpful, as it shows where the letter formation begins!

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.