

Nursery

Spring Term 3

2015-2016

**Reading**

Please read stories with your child every day in your own language. Nursery children take home a library book every Friday.

Toy library takes place every Monday in the outdoor area between the classrooms.

Important dates

Nursery and Reception will be learning about Chinese New Year from the 1st-5th February. The children will take part in a dance workshop on 1st February.

We will be receiving eggs from Vauxhall City Farm on 1st March. We are expecting our chicks to hatch on 15th March. We are very excited!

We will be inviting visitors from the local fire brigade into class this term to find out more about their important work.

You are invited...

...to our 'Chatterbox Challenge' event on Wednesday 10th February. More information and sponsorship forms will follow!



This term our learning will be based around the theme of

'People Who Help us'

Children will learn about the following...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: The class will continue to select and use resources independently and take part in adult-led activities. Pupils will build on the friendships they've already made and make new friends too. They will continue to practise sharing, playing together and taking turns.

Physical Development: Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through using scissors and other small tools such as tweezers, and will develop pencil control through mark-making activities. Pupils will enjoy playing ball games, using climbing apparatus and riding bikes.

Communication and Language: The children participate in daily story times, whole class sessions and key group activities. This half term we will be taking part in the 'Chatterbox Challenge' to raise money for the 'I Can' charity which supports children's speech and language development. As part of this challenge children will be learning songs and rhymes and performing them for parents.

Literacy: Children will be encouraged to make marks on paper using a variety of mark making tools and will practise recognising and tracing over their name card. Children will be encouraged to write their names or letters from their names independently. The class will continue to learn the letter sounds and some children will start to blend sounds for reading.

Mathematics: Children will learn to recognise the numbers to ten and beyond and match numbers to amounts. Some children will start to order numbers and we will continue to work on recognising 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World: Children will continue to observe and talk about the world around them. This half term we will focus on learning about people in our community who help us.

Expressive Arts and Design: The class will be learning songs and actions for the Chatterbox challenge and will be taking part in a dance workshop for Chinese New Year.

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Talking with your child and encouraging them to talk in full sentences
- Ask your child what they have learned at school earlier in the day, or about their favourite activity
- Share stories with your child, especially at bed time! Talking about the pictures helps them to understand.
- Regular routines at home and plenty of sleep

Welcome back to a new term at Ashmole, we hope you had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning ahead.

Ms Williams and the Nursery team