

## Ashfield Nursery School



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### Literacy at Ashfield Nursery

At Ashfield Nursery, we believe literacy is the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Through engaging, play-based experiences, we nurture children's speaking, listening, reading, and early writing skills, ensuring they develop the confidence to communicate effectively.

From our youngest learners, children are immersed in a language-rich environment filled with books, songs, rhymes, and opportunities for mark-making. We introduce print in meaningful ways—story sacks, picture books, and environmental print—encouraging children to explore language and develop a love for reading. Daily story sessions and interactive phonics activities help them build essential skills, from recognising sounds to forming letters and words.

Our classrooms are designed to spark curiosity, with books and writing materials in every area—recipe books in the home corner, blueprints in construction play, and opportunities to write shopping lists, menus, or birthday cards. Through these real-life experiences, children see the purpose of reading and writing in everyday life.

By fostering a love of literature and equipping children with strong communication skills, we provide a solid foundation for their future learning. At Ashfield, we inspire children to express themselves, explore stories, and develop a lifelong passion for reading and writing.