



Toucans Nursery Class

Curriculum Newsletter Term 2 2018

Welcome back to Term 2!

This term we will be following the theme of light and dark. This will include Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We shall be participating in World Nursery Rhyme Week 2018, from 19th – 23rd November.

We will be reading books and stories linked to the topics. If you have any relevant books at home please let the children bring them to school to share.

Parents Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent's Meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, we hope that the attached hand out is informative and helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Treasure Boxes

The treasure boxes have continued to be a big success. Thank you for all the beautiful things the children have brought to Nursery. We would like the children to bring in the following things this term:

Week beginning

6 th November (Tuesday)	No boxes
19 th November	Nursery Rhymes
3 rd December	Books or artefacts related to the Nativity
10 th December	No boxes
17 th December	Christmas items

Your child will only need to bring the box in once each week

Parent Helpers

Now that the children are settled we welcome help from parents. If you would like to join us, the parent helper lists can be found on the notice board in the conservatory. These are weekly lists with spaces for you to sign up. Please only one helper per session. If you would like to come and help you will need to take your passport or driving licence to the office as they need to carry out a basic police check. Please can we also remind you of confidentiality issues whilst working in the Nursery. All parents coming in to help will be asked to sign a Parent Agreement.

Learning Diaries

Please make sure that you have completed the security slip for the Interactive Learning Diary and returned it to a member of the team. Once you are able to access the diary please remember to add your own comments and milestones achieved outside of school.

Stay and Play

Stay and Play is a time you can come into the classroom and your child can explore it with you. They are able to show you lots of activities and their learning. It has always proved to be an enjoyable and valuable experience. Please only come to one Stay and Play session. Please see below for dates and times.

Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long

This year the Nursery children would like to invite you to come and listen to some Christmas songs (sung by them!) We have timetabled one morning session and one afternoon session. Please choose **one** session to attend. We have picked two of our busiest sessions, so most children will be present for at least one slot. There are a few children who do not attend Nursery on either a Monday morning or Wednesday

afternoon. If you would like your child to come and sing with us please do bring them along five minutes before the allotted time on one of the days (as they will be unable to stay to the whole session due to numbers). Please see below for dates and times.

Books Home

We will now be starting our book-sharing scheme. Your child can choose a book as often as you would like, to share at home. Book boxes can be found in the conservatory.

- Choose a book.
- Place the ticket in the wallet in your class folder.
- When you have finished please remove the ticket from the wallet and place inside the book.
- Choose a new book!

Your child will choose their first book with us and bring it home.

Lunch Boxes, Fruit, Water Bottles

Please make sure that all lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly NAMED. This includes extra pots that may be inside. Please remember that due to allergies we cannot have nuts, and grapes must be cut in half length ways. **Water bottles must only contain water.**

Outdoor Clothing

Now that the weather is getting colder please can you make sure your child comes to Nursery with a coat and suitable footwear. The children spend a significant amount of time outside. Please also remember a hat and gloves when it is very cold.

Wellies and spare clothes

Please make sure that your child has named wellies at school, (these can be left by the peg) and appropriate clothing, including a waterproof coat each day. If you wish, you may leave spare clothes in a bag on your child's peg. Alternatively, we have plenty of spare clothes here. Please can you return them as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th-Friday 19th November Anti-Bullying Week

(Wear Odd Socks Day on Monday 12th November)

19-23 November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
Friday 16th November	Children in Need (Bring a teddy)
Monday 19th November	Stay and Play (8.45-9.30)
Thursday 22nd November	Stay and Play (2.30-3.15)
Saturday 8th December	Infant Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long (11.00am)
Wednesday 19th December	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long (2.45pm)
Friday 21st December	Last day of term
Monday 7th January	INSET
Tuesday 8th January	School Starts

If you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. Thank you all for your support,

Karen, Vanessa and Cheryl

Nursery Parent Information Evening October 2018

This is a quote taken from the North Somerset Learning Diaries. It explains how we work here at High Down Nursery, and how your child will learn and grow during his or her time with us.

“This is my learning diary. It is a record of all the unique, interesting, surprising and powerful things I say and do during the Early Years Foundation Stage. I am becoming a capable, confident, self-assured and strong person through having loving and secure relationships with my family and the keyperson /people in my setting or school. Through play, I am developing and learning in different ways and at different rates. All areas of Learning and Development are interconnected and important for me to experience. My learning diary shows that I am a unique person and a competent learner.”

Book Sharing!

We strive to develop a love of books. We have a book sharing scheme, where you can borrow any books from the boxes in the conservatory. Just remove the card from the book and slip it into the wallet in the folder belonging to your child's class!

A Typical Day

8.45	Children come into the classroom and choose an activity
9.10	We come to the carpet to talk about what we will be doing, for some learning input from adults, (literacy, numeracy, topic work) to do treasure boxes and share news and stories
9.30	The children start activities and move freely between the classrooms. They have access to all activities. During this time small group adult led tasks will take place.
10.25	Milk and fruit time with adult input
10.45	Outside activities
11.15	Story, singing, treasure boxes and a review of our morning
11.45	Lunch or home time

The afternoon follows a very similar pattern

PE

The hall is available for our use on Thursday mornings. Please can children come dressed in joggers or leggings. Girls in skirts cannot go on the apparatus.

Please Remember.....

We do go outside whatever the weather so please bring coats every day. Also as the weather gets colder please bring named hats and gloves.

Home School Learning

- Numicon Bags: During the year your child will bring home a bag containing Numicon and activities to share at home. This is designed to develop their maths skills in a fun way!
- Toucan: During the year your child will also bring home Toucan to spend some time with your family. Please keep Toucan for about a week. We would be grateful if you could fill in the accompanying sheet.
- Interactive Learning Diary contributions.

If you would like to come in and help....

We welcome parent helpers!

If you would like to come in and help, as much or as little as you like, even if it is just to read a story, please sign up on weekly sheets on the parent noticeboard in the conservatory. You will also need to take identification to the office.

Reception 2019

Don't forget to apply for your reception school place if you have not already done so! Closing Date, **11.59pm on Tuesday 15 January.**