



Toucan Nursery Class

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Welcome back everyone from the Christmas Holidays and a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. A big welcome to the new children and parents that have joined us this term too!

Books Boxes in the Conservatory

Last term we introduced our 'Nursery Book Sharing'. Please can we encourage all of you to use the scheme and share as many books as you can with your child. Reading with your child, looking at books and page turning is so important.

- Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, strengthens your relationship
- You don't always need to read books. Try looking at picture books, singing rhymes and songs, or telling stories from your culture
- Children often enjoy books, songs and stories with good rhyme, rhythm and repetition
- Anytime is a good time for a book or story! Try to share at least one book or story each day

Our topic this term is **Shape** and **People who Help us**. Last term a parent kindly came in to see us to about her work as a vet. This captured our imagination, and we currently have a vets surgery in the classroom. This topic will develop over the term.

Treasure Boxes

We have all really enjoyed sharing treasure boxes. This term's boxes are:

Week beginning:

14th January

2D Shape

28th January

People who help us

11th February

3D Shape

Please only bring the box in once that week.

Home Learning Environment

At High Down Nursery there is a three way partnership between yourselves, your children and us. This is most apparent in your child's Learning Diary where we all have an input with our daily observations and photos of your child's experiences and learning. The Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) allows you to easily add your child's experiences and comments too. Please make sure that you have activated your ILD. If you need help or advice regarding the ILD please speak to Karen, Vanessa or Jane.

We like to encourage our relationship and sharing of all the Early Years experiences with families, this is part of our Home Learning Environment. We always welcome family members in to share interests, work experiences and time to share songs or books etc. Especially this term, if you have

a job that you would like to come and tell us about, or an instrument you would like to play for us, please do let us know.

Parent Helpers

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. There is a space for a morning helper or an afternoon helper. Please only one helper per session. If you would like to come and help you will need to take your passport, driving licence and a utility bill 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.

Water bottles and fruit

Please make sure that all lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly **NAMED**. This includes extra pots that may be inside the lunchbox. Please remember that for safety reasons we do not have grapes at snack time and grapes in lunchboxes must be cut in half length ways. **Water bottles must only contain water.**

For all our new children and parents

We have a book-sharing scheme in Nursery. Please see note above. You and your child can choose a book as often as you wish to share at home. Book boxes can be found in the conservatory. When you wish to change a book, please find your child's name in the folder and put the ticket back into the book before returning to the box. Once your child has selected a new book, please place the ticket into the plastic wallet labelled with their name.

Sickness

It is extremely important that your child does not return to nursery until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Please leave a message with the school office if your child is not well and will not be attending nursery.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 15th February	Finish for Half Term
Monday 25th February`	Return to School
Tuesday 26th February	Parent Consultations (Returners Only) morning appointments
Tuesday 26th February	Parent Consultations (Returners Only)
Thursday 28th February	Parent Consultations (Returners Only)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (Children dress as book characters)
Friday 5th April	End of Term

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

Karen, Vanessa and Jane