



## Toucan Nursery Class

### Curriculum Newsletter Number 4 February 2019

We hope that you all had a good half term break. This term we will base our learning in all areas around our topic of **Stories**, which links in with World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. On this day your child can come to nursery dressed as a book character. Please remember that lots of book characters are just children – costumes do not need to be complicated! If you need ideas, please talk to one of us.

#### Treasure Boxes

We have all really enjoyed sharing treasure boxes. As our topic is **Stories**, treasure boxes will have a theme of different authors. Please do not worry if you do not have any books/artefacts related to particular authors. If you prefer to see the work we do about each author before choosing what to bring in, then that is fine. We are happy for the Treasure Box theme to last for a fortnight. This term's boxes are:

#### Week beginning:

<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Julia Donaldson
<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	No boxes
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mick Inkpen
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	No boxes
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Nick Butterworth
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	No boxes

Please only bring the box in once during that fortnight.

#### 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.](#)

This term we would particularly like to encourage you to come and in and share your child's favourite story with some children – either a small group or the whole class, if you're feeling brave! The children really enjoy hearing different people tell stories. This could be at the very beginning of a session or the end and you don't need to stay after the story. If you feel you would like to do this, then please talk to Karen.

#### Books Boxes in the Conservatory

It has been lovely watching your children choosing books from our **Book Boxes**. Please can we encourage all of you continue 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 – more if your child is interested!

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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:

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

Remember to look at the whole school newsletter for other dates.

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