



Toucan Nursery Class

Curriculum Newsletter Term 5

April 2019



We hope that you all had a good Easter break. This term we will base our learning in all areas around our topic of **Growing**. We hope you have had fun caring for the sunflower seeds and that at least one has grown for you!

Treasure Boxes

We continue to enjoy sharing treasure boxes. The Treasure Box theme will last for a fortnight, to give everyone a chance to bring in something to share. Please try and encourage your children to stick to the theme! This term's boxes are:

Week beginning:

23rd April/29th April

Bring your growing sunflowers back to show us!

7th May/13th May

Bring in a photo of you as a baby

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.**

Thank you so much to all the parents who came in to nursery last term to share a story with the children – they really enjoyed having familiar people read them a story. It has been so successful that we would like to continue this experience. We would 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! This could be at the very beginning of a session or the end and you don't need to stay after the story. Even those parents who have already been in are invited to come in again – perhaps with different stories! 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

This term we will be choosing a book with every child to get them used to regularly bringing a book home from school.

Pyjama Day – Tuesday 14th May

Following a conversation with the children – “wouldn’t it be funny if we wore our pyjamas to school!” - we have decided to hold a special “**Pyjama Day**”. This will be on May 14th as we had the conversation on a Tuesday – but we will repeat it later in the year, at the end of the week, so that everyone can have this experience. The children are invited to wear their pyjamas on this day – and dressing gowns, slippers etc! Please make sure they are dressed warmly enough! During the day, Miss Wilson’s class, 5W will be joining us in their pyjamas to read stories to the children. 5W have already met Toucan’s class and read stories to them.

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. We are also a strictly **NO NUTS** school – this includes all products with nuts as an ingredient, including Nutella type products. **Water bottles must only contain water.**

Parking

If you drive your child/ren to school, please can we remind you to park carefully and not across drives or in dangerous places. This applies to lunch times, as well as the beginning and end of the day. The school has a travel plan which highlights areas where parents are encouraged to **NOT** park – this includes High View and Tower Road.

In Toucans, we would prefer you to be a little late because you have chosen to park further away and walk, rather than park in a place that may upset our neighbours. Thanks everyone!

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.

Hot Weather: Now that the weather is better please remember to put sun cream on your child and bring a sun hat every day.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 23rd April`	Return to School
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – no school
Tuesday 14th May	Pyjama Day – see above
Thursday 23rd May	Last day of term
Friday 24th May	INSET day

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

Karen and Jane