



## Toucan Nursery Class

### Curriculum Newsletter Term 6

April 2019



Wow, it's hard to believe that we are in the final term of the year! This term we will base our learning in all areas around our topic of **Minibeasts**. We will also be looking ahead and thinking about moving on.

#### Treasure Boxes and Phonics

We continue to enjoy sharing treasure boxes. This term we will be learning to listen to and recognise initial sounds in words. Through games and play, we will link these sounds to letters. For the treasure boxes each week we would like to encourage the children to bring in things from home that begin with the sound of the week. Please try and encourage your children to stick to the theme! This term's boxes are:

#### Week beginning:

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	the sound 's'
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	the sound 'a'
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	the sound 't'
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	the sound 'p'
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	the sound 'i'
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	the sound 'n'

This term there is one sound each week but please don't feel that you have to bring in your treasure box EVERY week!

#### 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

**Last term, all the children brought a book home with them. Please bring it back and exchange it for a different book. You can change your book at the end of any session.**

#### 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:** It is really important that children come to nursery with sun cream already applied. The children will also need to bring a sun hat every day. Last term we were learning about sun safety and always wearing a hat out in the hot weather and the children were not allowed to play outside without a hat on.

**Even in this hot weather, please make sure that your child is wearing covered shoes or trainers to nursery. Although sandals keep them cool they also leave little feet exposed to friends who are not always the most careful or gentle!**

### Dates for the diary:

**Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Sports Week – more details to follow

Last day of term

**Finally, before and after school, please could you ask your older children to not play on or use our nursery equipment. It is designed for small children and risks being damaged if older children are using it. Thanks!**

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