

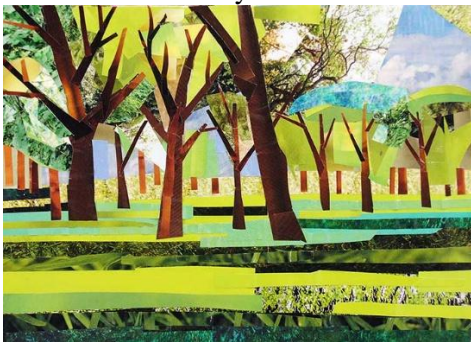
# Welcome back to Term 5!



We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for another fun term in Toucans. It's been wonderful welcoming the children back and hearing all about their holidays. This term our topic is "Down on the Farm" and we are so excited to get started! We'll be learning all about farm animals, exploring how food grows, and discovering what life is like on a farm.

## Expressive Arts and Design

This term in art, the children will be learning about the collage artist Megan Coyle, who is known for creating colourful and nature inspired collages. They will be exploring how to cut, layer, and combine different materials to make their own unique pieces of art, just like Megan Coyle.



## Maths

This term, the children will continue developing their counting skills, including counting larger groups, actions, and sounds. They will explore different ways to represent numbers, such as using 10-frames, and begin to notice patterns like doubles.

We will also be comparing amounts, helping the children understand more and less, and developing their sense of number size. The children will start to explore "one more" and "one less" within 10, as well as recognising when they can quickly spot small amounts without counting (subitising).



# TOUCANS CLASS NEWSLETTER

## Understanding the world

This term, the children will be learning about how plants grow and what they need to survive, such as water, sunlight, and soil. We will be exploring common plants in our local area and observing how they change over time as they grow.

We will also be learning about life on a farm, including the different types of transport farmers use today, such as tractors and machinery, and comparing these to how farming was done in the past. This will help the children begin to understand how things change over time.

## PE

PE will be taught on a **Wednesday** by Coach.

This term, the children will be exploring movement through dance, using music and their imaginations to express themselves. They will be learning to move in different ways, such as fast and slow, high and low, and will begin to link movements together to create simple sequences.

The children will also be developing their coordination, balance, and confidence as they move, as well as learning to respond to rhythm and follow simple instructions.

## Reminder

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and a hat each day.

We also ask that sun cream is applied at home before school, so the children are protected and ready to enjoy their day outside.



## Library

Our library book swap day is every **Wednesday**. Please remember to send your child's library book back each week so they can choose a new one to enjoy!



### **Reading**

Please remember to read with your child every day at home. Regular reading really helps to build confidence and supports their progress in school.

Don't forget to write a quick comment in their red reading record book so we can see how they're getting on.

### **Phonics**

This term, the children will continue building their phonics skills through the Read Write Inc. programme. They will be practising reading and writing sounds, blending sounds together to read words, and beginning to read simple sentences with increasing confidence.

The children will also be working on recognising "red words" (tricky words), improving their fluency, and developing their understanding of what they read. In writing, they will be using their phonics knowledge to spell words and start to form simple sentences.

### **Dates for the diary:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – First Day Back

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Earth Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last Day

If you have any anything, you wish to talk to a member of the Year R team about, please do come and see us after school when we have dismissed all the children, contact us using our new email address or arrange an appointment at the office. The email address is **[toucans@egerton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:toucans@egerton.kent.sch.uk)** The year R team, as well as Mrs Head, will be monitoring this regularly.