

## Welcome back to Term 4!



We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for another fun term in Toucans. It's been great welcoming the children back and hearing all about their holidays. This term our topic is "Toys" and we are so excited to get started!

We'll be exploring all kinds of toys, old and new, and finding out how they work and why we enjoy playing with them. The children will be sharing their favourite toys, using their imaginations in our role play areas and even having a go at making their own toys.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be building their design and technology skills by investigating toys that use push and pull movements. They will have the opportunity to create their own toy boats and explore different ways to help them travel more quickly. Alongside this, the children will practise observational drawing by looking closely at daffodils and considering the key features to include in their artwork. They will also explore colours found in the natural world and learn how to mix new colours by carefully following instructions



### Maths

Children will explore equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers and learn that two equal groups can be called a double, linking this to finger patterns. They will sort odd and even numbers, continue practising the counting sequence beyond 20 and recognise patterns in numbers. They will also compare length, height and time, while revisiting shape names and their properties



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### Understanding the world

Children will be learning about toys and exploring the forces of push and pull through play. They will investigate floating and sinking with different objects, including boats, and find out how toys have changed over the past 150 years. As the season changes from Winter to Spring, the children will observe signs of spring through outdoor play and sensory walks. They will also begin to learn about Salvation and discuss why Christians might place a cross in an Easter garden.

### PE

PE will be taught on a **Wednesday** by Coach Josh. This term, children will focus on Games skills. They'll practise working with a partner and in a team, and develop key skills such as running, stopping, throwing, and scoring.



### Reminder

Please remember that toys should not be brought into school, as they can easily get lost or damaged and this can be upsetting for children.

### Library

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

### Drawing Club

In Drawing Club, the children enjoy listening to stories and using their imagination to draw and tell their own versions. It's a lovely way for them to get creative, build early writing skills, and share ideas with their friends.

### Phonics and Writing

We will continue with our daily Read Write Inc sessions, where the children practise forming letters and blending sounds to read and write words. Children will be grouped in ways that best support their individual learning and progress. Please remember to write in your child's reading record regularly so we can celebrate and support their reading and writing development together.

### Dates for the diary:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Road Safety  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Service/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.