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**Class:** Toucan - Blue Class

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## Imaginative Play

“Over the last 75 years, a number of theorists and researchers have identified the values of such imaginative play as a vital component to the normal development of a child.”

**Activity:** Fluffy Toys or Plastic Animals

### Suggestion:

It is always important to help your children to play with the same toys in a different way. This increases their creativity and imagination. They may have played with their Toys and Trucks often, but have they made a car ramp, multi-storey box garage or made an off-road track in the garden? Helping them to build these simple projects will result in hours or days of play.



# Ring Time – Much Repeating

“People often say that practice makes perfect. Research certainly supports this, especially in children. In fact, studies have shown that repetition can be critically important for learning in general.”

**Activity:** Write their name

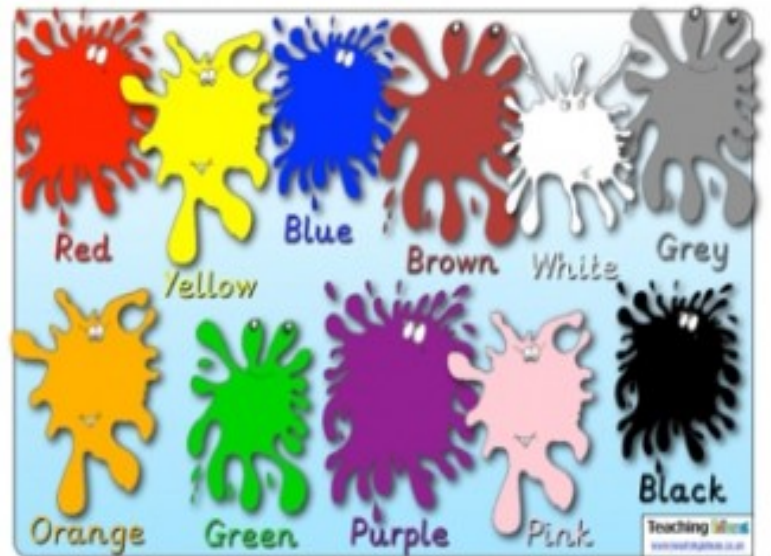
**Suggestion:**

Children need to practice how to write their names on a piece of paper for a minimum of 10 minutes.

**Activity:** Colours

**Suggestion:**

Ask your child to find objects in the house that have two or more combinations of colours.  
i.e. Find an object that has red, yellow and black. Make it into a game where everyone take turns with. Keep score and see who is the winner.



**Activity:** Focus letter of the week –k

**Suggestion:**

Get them to name objects around the house that start with the sound of k, pronounced as “/k/” for kite. See if they can repeat **abcdefghijklk** in order with the correct sound apple, bat, cat, dog, egg, fish, goat, hat, igloo, jet and kite.



# Skills Time – Educational Games

“Puzzles are effective educational materials which support children’s cognitive, language, motor, social and emotional developmental areas while fostering their creativity and self-care skills as well as providing learning during playing with them.”

**Online Puzzles:** <https://www.onlinejigsawpuzzles.net/>

Children need to sort their puzzles. This means counting every piece while sorting them into two batches - inside pieces and the outside/edge puzzles pieces. They count out and find the four corners first then build the frame/edge of the puzzle. They then complete the centre.



This app allows you to do the edge of the puzzles before the inside. Please make sure that method is used when building any puzzle. This method helps them with sequencing, sorting and numeracy.

## Stepping Stone Skill: Reading – Visual Discrimination and Memory

### Suggestion:

This activity is to see if they can remember and match two pictures. You can print out Memory Cards at the following website:

<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/free-matching-memory-game-for-kids-transportation/>  
<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Transportation-Matching-Memory-Game1.pdf>

- Go through each card in the deck and see if they can identify the object in each picture.
- Start by using just 8 pairs of cards. For Toucans you should be able to play this game with all 18 pairs in the printable file above.
- Flip one random card over and see if they can find the other card's "friend". Do not allow them to change the grid location of the card otherwise it will be very difficult to remember where the cards are. Always flip the cards back over after they are revealed.
- After they clearly remember where each card is in the grid, either shuffle them or add new picture pairs to make it more difficult.



## Gross Motor - Using Your Body

“Research indicates that gross motor skills are a major predictor of a child’s school readiness. In essence they reflect ‘brain skills’...”

**Activity:** Balance

### Suggestion:

This might be the perfect time to teach your child to ride a bike. Children find it easier to learn to ride a bike using a “Balance Bike” rather than bikes with training wheels. Take them to the park and see how they do. Maybe you have a bike with training wheels and maybe its time to see if they can ride without them.



# Theme Time – Learning About Our World

Our theme for the week is **Air Transport**

## Suggestion:

Your child needs to know the names of all different forms of air transport: Bi-plane; Helicopter, Hot Air Balloon; Blimp or Zeppelin; Jumbo Jet; Single Prop Plane; Freighter Aeroplane; Rescue Helicopter; Space Shuttle. See if they can work out how many people each one carries.



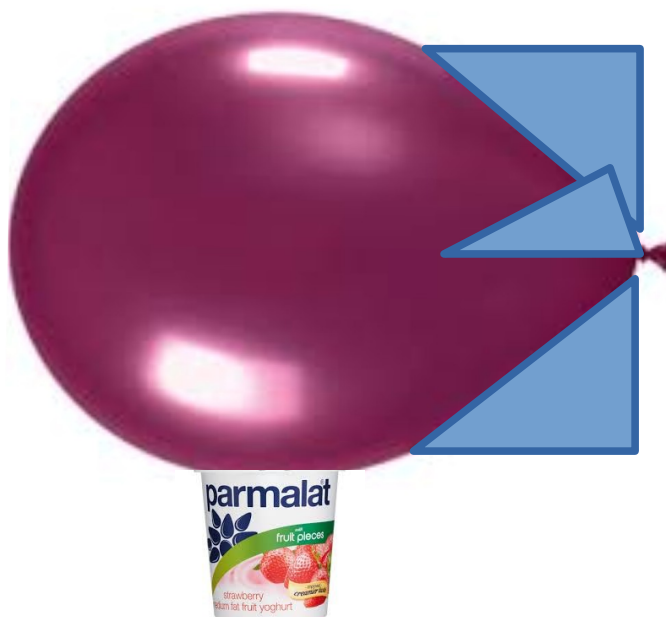
## Art – Learning through Creativity

“Creative arts not only cultivate children’s imaginations, so that they become more flexible and inventive thinkers, but also help to develop their physical, emotional, and mental capabilities.”

### Activity: Balloon Blimp

Material you will need: large balloon, yoghurt tub, cardboard, scissors, tape.

- Blow up the large balloon.
- You can decorate the yoghurt tub with stickers or coloured paper. Using tape, stick the tub to the bottom of the balloon as a cockpit.
- Cut out four right-angled triangles from the cardboard using scissors.
- Tape the triangles to the tail of the balloon to make the tail of the blimp.



# Story Time – Learning to love books

“... storytelling and story reading were found to produce positive gains in oral language. ... young children who heard the stories told demonstrated improved story comprehension in their retelling, while children in the story reading group improved their language complexity”

## Suggested Children’s Books

Going on an Airplane

<https://www.dropbox.com/preview/Going%20on%20an%20airplane%20story.pdf>

Curious George and the Hot Air Balloon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXjKwazLG1w>

# Bible Story – Learning to love God

## Suggested Bible Reading:

Isaiah The Prophet

<https://www.bedtimeshortstories.com/isaiah-the-prophet>

Isaiah The Prophet Bible Stories for Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIEiREVveKI>

# Songs – Learning through Rhythm

Aeroplanes, aeroplanes all in a row

<https://youtu.be/iuDH-WDBsiM>

I’m a Little Airplane Song for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omTOqecTimU>

Up, Up, Up! Barefoot Books Singalong

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrd0TiER\\_J0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrd0TiER_J0)