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Dear Pre Prep Parents

EASTER EGGS

It is customary for HeronBridge Pre Prep to collect Easter Eggs to support Outreach. Please can we appeal to parents to assist us by donating a small box of the Marshmallow Easter Eggs. These can be dropped off with Kirsty or Matilda in the office.

OLD LOCKS ETC

We are looking for old locks/keys/bolts and screws, as well as old shoes to polish. If you have any of these lying around at home please could you donate them to the Pre Prep.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please have a look at the following table for ideas on what type of books to buy, when purchasing Birthday Books for the library:

Children’s stories suitable for the different age groups in Early Childhood Development (ECD):

3 – 4 years	4 – 5 years	5 – 6 years
Characteristics of 3 years old:	Characteristics of 3 years old:	Characteristics of 3 years old:
Very egocentric Only interested in what concerns them directly Interested in events and people that are part of their familiar surroundings. Still think in concrete terms. Understand everything in a literal way. Cannot distinguish between fantasy and reality. Enjoy repetition. Need to feel safe. They are very active and cannot sit still for longer than 10 minutes. Concentration span is short and their attention quickly wanders.	Interests have broadened and include more than themselves and their immediate environment. They start taking an interest in what other people do, and although they are still egocentric, they are beginning to take other people into account as well. Cannot distinguish between fantasy and reality. 4 year olds enjoy comical language, word games and words that represent sound. They enjoy silly jokes and often behave in a rather silly way themselves. They love exaggeration They have an insatiable curiosity about things and the never ending “Why?” – being the most noticeable of this group. Can concentrate for longer periods of time.	Is the broadening of children’s understanding of the world around them. Able to distinguish between fantasy and reality. Very inquisitive and eager to learn. Enjoy new discoveries and adventures. No longer egocentric, and already have more objective view of themselves and the world around them. Take an interest in numbers, words and letters. 6 year olds who have lots of exposure to books are keen and ready to be introduced to reading activities.
What to look for in stories?	What to look for in stories?	What to look for in stories?
Books should deal with people, animals and things with which a 3 year old can identify. (What happens in the story could happen to them). Stories need to be realistic, with things that can happen. Stories with a lot of repetition, they enjoy looking at the same books over and over again. Stories need to be short, or else they get bored.	Beginning to enjoy stories of the unknown. Enjoy stories about events that could happen, however improbable. Stories which are funny, silly and full of exaggeration are especially suitable. Enjoy stories and books about what people, animals and objects do and how they grow. Can listen attentively for longer	Enjoy fantasy books with wonderful characters and events as well as the unexpected and the astonishing. Like stories that convey information in a straightforward way. Simple adventure stories. Enjoy humour, exaggeration and word play. Starting to enjoy books they can read themselves, books that are simply written with clear illustrations.



Sincerely Glynis Courtney Head Pre Preparatory

