



Autumn Term 1

September 2016

Welcome to Bushey Heath Early Years!

We would like to say a big well done to all the children for settling into school life so well.

Each term you will receive a newsletter informing you of the topics we will be covering; along with any other information you may need to support you and the children in school.

This half term our topics are: *Myself and My Family, The little Red Hen, Autumn and Hibernation*

Literacy

- ✓ List making
- ✓ Labels and captions (initial sounds and short sentences)
- ✓ Sequencing stories
- ✓ Retelling stories

} *linked to the topics*

Phonics

Phase 1

Phase 1 concentrates on developing children’s speaking and listening skills. The emphasis during phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them.

Phase 2

Children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of the letter sounds to blend and sound out words. For example, they will learn to blend the sounds **s-a-t** to make the word **sat**. They will also start learning to segment words. For example, they might be asked to find the letter sounds that make the word **tap** from a small selection of letters. Below is the sequence of sounds learnt throughout phase 2. See also the list of tricky words. Children will learn to read and write these words. The children recognise them as ‘tricky’ words.

Phase 2

Tricky words

Set 1	s, a, t, p
Set 2	i, n, m, d
Set 3	g, o, c, k
Set 4	ck, e, u, r
Set 5	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

To	the	no	go
I	into		

Maths:

- ✓ Number formation 0-10
- ✓ Counting objects using 1:1 recognition (children using their fingers to support them counting one object at a time) and then match to numeral 1-20
- ✓ Recognise and order numbers to 10 (and beyond to 20)
- ✓ Simple addition and subtraction through number stories and songs ('5 little ducks' and '10 fat sausages')
- ✓ Shape (2D)



- ✓ News from home:

Please complete the 'News from home' slips and return to an adult in the class.

Learning Journals

All adults working with your child will contribute to their Learning Journal. We will be offering you an opportunity throughout the term to share your child's book with them. A letter will be sent home when these dates have been arranged.

Phonics workshop for parents

We are running a short phonics workshop for Reception parents only in the school hall on Thursday 20th October at 2.30pm.

Coffee Morning for EYFS parents

We will be holding a coffee morning each half term for both Nursery and Reception parents. The first will be held on a Monday and the following will be a Tuesday and so on, we hope this will allow all parents the opportunity to make at least one coffee morning session.



Next coffee morning: 10th October 2016 @ 9.00 – 10.00 in the dining room.

Kind regards,

The Early Years Team