



# Autumn Term

September 2017

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
- ✓ Sequencing and retelling stories
- ✓ Simple sentence structure(Capital letter, finger spaces, full stop)

} 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 phase2. 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

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

### Tricky words:

to	the	no	go
l	into		



## Maths:

- ✓ Number formation 0-10 (extended to 20)
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Count, recognise and order numbers to 10 (extend to 20)
- ✓ Simple addition and subtraction through number stories and songs
- ✓ Shape (2D)

## Learning Journals

Learning journals record all the learning and fun of your child's education in Reception. 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. We would really like you to come along to the sessions below and sit with your child to discuss and look at what they have been learning. We have set aside a session each half term. Each session will take place in the Dining room; please find the dates and times below:

<b>12<sup>th</sup> October @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30pm</b>

## Phonics Workshop



I will be running a **Phonics workshop** for Reception parents on Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm. We hope you can join us!



**Book Bags:** Please may we ask that your child has **one** key ring on their book bag.

✓ **News from home:**



Please complete the 'News from home' slips and return to an adult in the class (letter will be sent home this week to explain what to look for).

Thank you for your continued support,

**The Early Years Team**

**Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Dowden and Mrs Walker**