



## Buds Class

### Autumn Term 1 2017

Welcome to the Halstead Community Primary School. We are really proud of how well the children are settling into the school environment.

After reviewing the children's interests during the home visits and taster days, we have chosen Transport as our topic this term. Over the next few weeks we will be covering the following areas.

#### **Maths**

Over the term we will be focusing on recognising numbers to 10, counting to 10 and beyond and ordering numbers. We will also be counting groups of objects and matching them to a number. We will then move on to making and repeating patterns and describing and naming 2D shapes.

#### **English**

Over the next few weeks we will be reading several books linked to transport as a basis for the children's learning. We will be sequencing stories, thinking about different characters and talking about how each story begins and ends. Please encourage your child to bring in any books with vehicles in that they enjoy reading. During the first term we will be focussing on different types of sounds in the environment as this is an important basis for learning phonics later on.

#### **Physical Development**

At the start of every day we will be practising fine motor skills by tracing over letters and patterns, manipulating play-dough and threading strings through small holes and objects. We will be regularly making use of the bikes and trikes outside, as well as the trim trail and our lovely outdoor space.

#### **Expressive arts and crafts**

The children will have opportunities to create different 'vehicle' art using collage materials and paint as we hope to create a 'Transport' display. Your child will come home messy! We will also be singing a lot of different songs and rhymes and using instruments to explore sounds.

#### **Achievement Tree**

Over the summer an 'Achievement Tree' grew in Buds Classroom. Currently the branches are bare however the aim is that it will be covered in leaves by the end of the academic year. Every time your child achieves the next step in their learning it will be recorded on a leaf which will be hung on the tree. We would welcome contributions from home so you will find three leaves with this letter. When your child achieves something new please write the achievement on the leaf, remembering to put your child's name and the date. Then send the leaf into school so that it can be hung on the tree. Please collect more leaves from one of us as and when you need them.

#### **Parent contribution**

The children will be setting up their home corner and a shop selling fruit and vegetables. We would be grateful for any donations for these areas. Please can you also send in a photograph of your family that can be displayed in the Home Corner for the next year?

Please help your child to practise putting on their coat and getting changed for school in preparation for PE?

A reminder that every child needs a named water bottle and coat in school every day.

**Harvest**

We will be joining the rest of the school for the Harvest Celebration at St. Margaret's Church on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Just a reminder that the children will be staying for lunch from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please collect your child at 1:30pm this week. The children will be full time from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, thank you for bringing in your 'Chatterboxes'. We will enjoy sharing these together over the next two weeks.

Mrs Stevens and Mrs Saheed