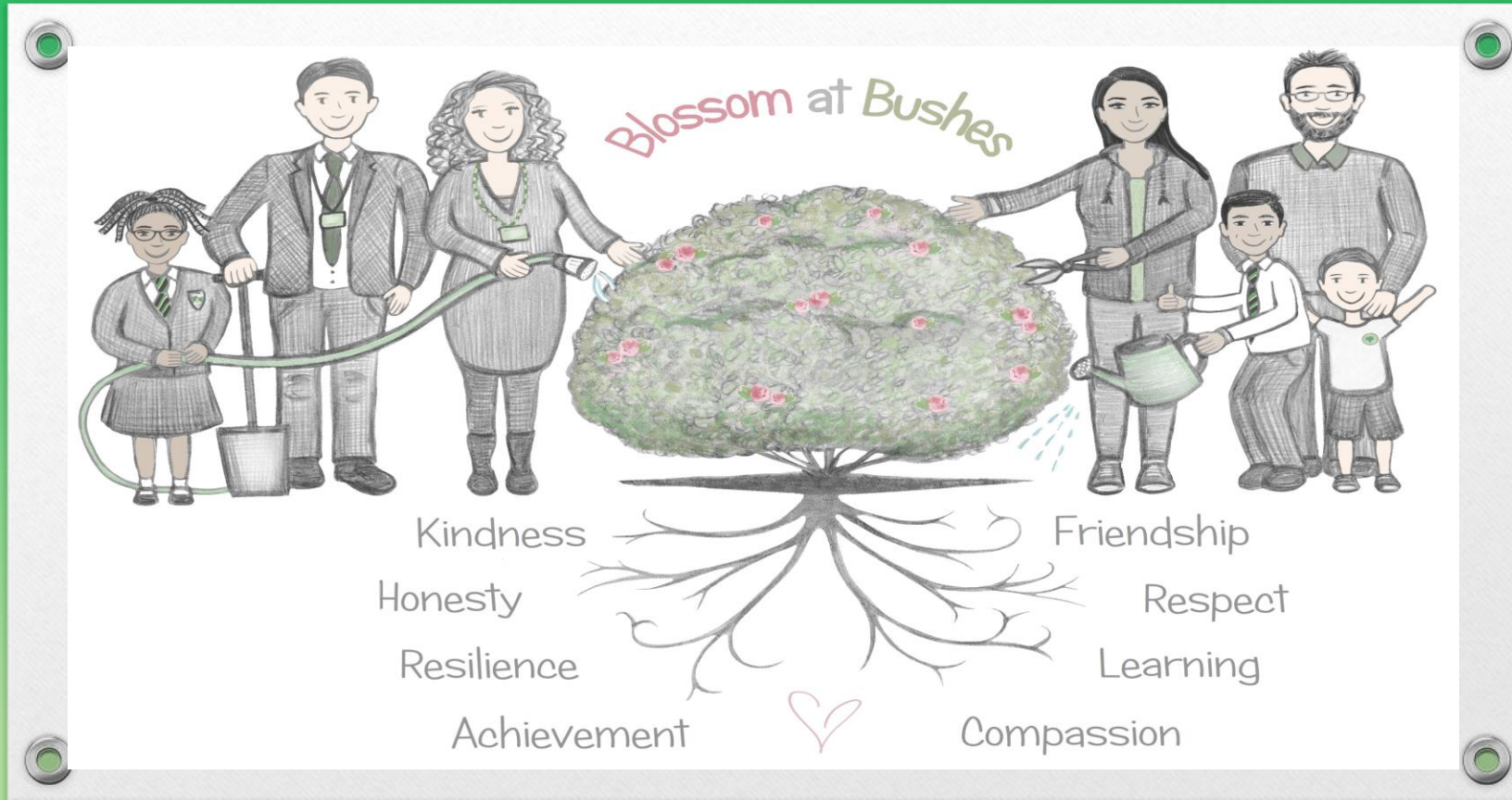


# Getting Ready for School



# What does Primary 1 look like at Bushes Primary School?

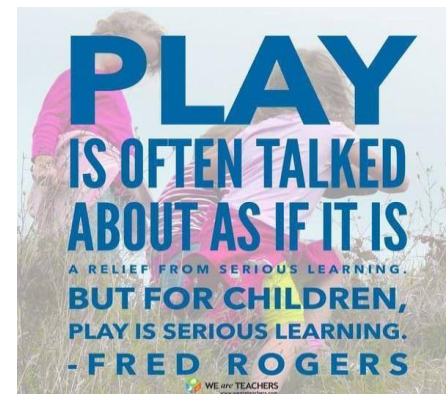
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Our day begins with a soft start. Time is set aside at the beginning of the day to provide opportunities for the children to self-select activities, engage with their peers and check-in with the class teacher.

At Bushes Primary School we have adopted a play-based approach to learning, providing continuity in children's learning as they transition from ELC to school. Our children experience a balance of adult-led, adult initiated and child-led learning experiences.

Through play we believe that children:

- Develop skills which can be applied across all areas of learning
- Have more in depth learning through quality learning experiences
- Are more engaged in making choices and offering ideas and suggestions



# Early Skills in Literacy

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- Let your child see your writing (shopping lists, writing letters etc.)
- Provide lots of opportunities to mark make in a variety of different ways (sticks in mud, fingers in sand, water and paintbrushes, chalk on the ground)
- Have pens and pencils ready - drawing matters
- Scribbling is important too!
- Talk about, value and celebrate your child's drawings - whatever they look like.
- Read rhyming books/nursery rhymes with your child
- Point out the words that rhyme
- Point out letters and print in books in the child's environment
- Share many stories together. Talk about the front cover and make predictions
- This will help your child to see themselves as readers and writers in preparation for Primary 1.

# Early Skills in Numeracy and Mathematics

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- Talk about numbers around you (doors, buses, supermarket)
- Count everything (steps, plates, buttons, socks)
- Sing number rhymes
- Play board games (snap, number puzzles)

This will help your child to further develop an awareness of number in fun and exciting ways.





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To Our  
School

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MINDS GROW!