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Welcome to our first Reception Phonics newsletter!

The aim of this newsletter is to give parents/ guardians guidance to support children at home with their reading and writing. We'll let you know what your children will be learning this half term in Phonics and provide you with activities and useful links that you can do to support your children at home.

Tricky Words

Tricky words are words that cannot be sounded out like normal words. The only way these words can be read is by learning them and practise recognising and spelling these words.

Tricky words we are recapping this half term:

I	we	do
the	me	are
he	be	all
she	to	was

Tricky word games you could play at home:

- Tricky word splat
- Tricky word hunt
- Tricky word bingo

Phonics this half-term

As the children have now learnt all of the 42 letter sounds, we will be recapping our digraphs (e.g. sh, ai, ch) **Two letters that make 1 sound**

The children will be having lots of practise using these sounds with reading and writing sentences too!

Yellow handwriting books

The children will be given a new letter each week to practise writing at home.

Please make sure this homework is completed and book packs are handed back into school by Wednesday.

Thank you!

Red books

Each week, your child will be given words in their red books. The children must sound out these words and then blend to sounds together to read the words.



Internet Games



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/longvow/poems/fpoem.shtml>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PictureMatch.html>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>



Activities



- ❖ Magnetic Letters- encourage children to word build
- ❖ Little whiteboards and pens- encourage writing
- ❖ Make your own flash cards (play snap, pairs,)
- ❖ I spy- e.g. I spy something that sounds like c-a-t
- ❖ Encourage your child to sound out objects in your house (e.g.
- ❖ Word hunt- children to find and read words hidden around your home

More useful Phonics activities you could do at home:

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/articles/2021/08/15/phonics-activities/>

If you have any questions about Jolly Phonics or you're unsure about anything, please ask your child's class teacher. We're always happy to help support your child's learning at home.