



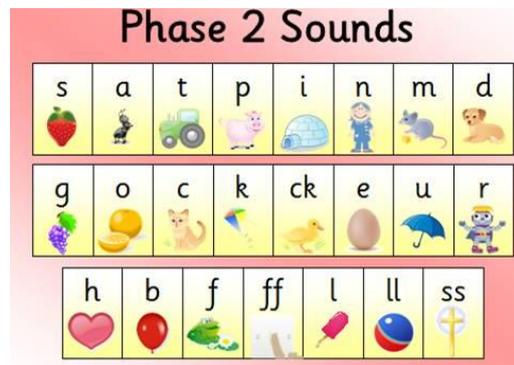
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents,

### Reception Curriculum update

WOW, the children have made an amazing start to Reception class and their new school and have settled in wonderfully.

#### Phonics -



So far your children are enjoying phonic sessions covering *s a t p i n m d* from the Phase 2 sounds and will now be introduced to the high frequency words *it is in* and *at*. Using these sounds (or phonemes) your children will soon begin to be able to create some words such as: *mat sat pat min pin dad sad mad hip sip dip tip tap map*. If you have magnetic letters, you could pull these sounds out and have a practice.

If you say the word to your child, then help them segment (or sound out) the different sounds, before choosing the right letter to represent it from the sounds. Once they have all the correct letters, sound-out and blend (squash) the sounds back together again! If you need a demo of this process please ask a member of the Reception class team, and visit the curriculum evening next week. If your child is keen, you could also ask them to practise writing the word that they create. They may also want to write the words in chalks, gel pens or with shaving foam on the bathroom tiles!



As you practise these sounds within your child's reading books you could also be looking for words around the environment, your child may also begin to read other words such as *I, no, go, to, the, and* as they are also frequent words.

### **Tapestry and Baking-**

A huge thank you to everybody who has signed up to the Tapestry programme now, I hope that you are becoming familiar with how it works. This week we are asking the parents to contribute a 'Physical activity' themed upload to Tapestry, along with anything else you might want to share. This may mean sharing a photo or video of your child riding a bike, swimming, dancing, playing a sport etc, and short amount of information of their abilities.

Thank you also, to everybody that has contributed baking money over the last two weeks, today we have been baking biscuits! Our baking varies between a mix of sweet and savory recipes, as well as those from other cultures or traditions. If you have any spare time that you would like to volunteer to support our baking over the coming term, please speak to myself (if it is Mon-Weds) or Mrs Moore (Thursday-Friday) and we would love to arrange a mutual convenient time with you.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to a member of the team.

Many thanks

Mrs Ruddock