

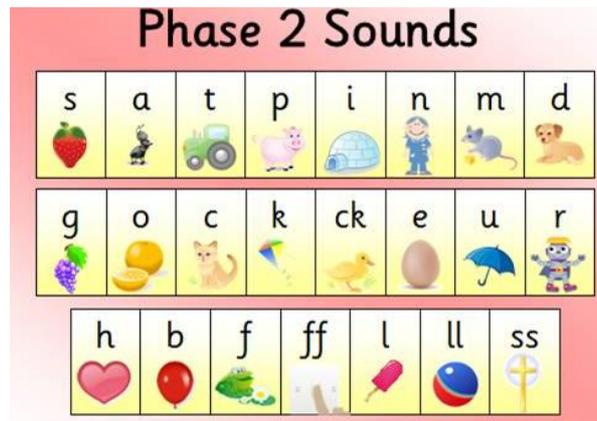


Thursday 3rd October 2019

Dear Parents,

Reception Curriculum Update

Phonics -



Your child has now been exposed to a number of sounds over the last few weeks, with the focus being on *s a t p i n m d g o c ck*. Using these sounds (or phonemes) your children will now be able to create some words with their sound cards. Such as: *pan, cot, pot, cat, pat, dog, pig, mad, sock, min, gap.*

Again, if you need a demo of the segmenting/ blending process please ask a member of the Reception class team. As well as being able to match what the letter looks like, to the sound it makes, we have been practicing writing the letters (graphemes) and words.

You can support your child by saying the word, and working together to find what that letter looks like, and build the words (with sound cards or magnetic letters). You may also want to create the word and encourage your child to segment the sounds for spelling.



You may find that your child is keen to show you how they are able to write the word, and when we write with children, we encourage them to initially write on wide lined paper and start in the top left hand corner of the paper. The size of writing will vary between children depending on their fine motor control. Your child may find it easier to write big on art paper, write in chalks on the ground, use bath crayons or shaving foam to write in on the bathroom tiles... and this is all still encouraged.

Please remember that we encourage the children to write in a lower case, cursive script (as per your packs from the curriculum evening).

If you manage to do any of these suggestions, please upload to Tapestry so that we can celebrate with your child in school.

Tapestry - Thank you to everybody who has now uploaded photos and videos to Tapestry, your children love our daily 'Tapestry Time' where we share learning on the big screen. We like to see anything that demonstrates their development or things that they have been up to at home, as well as the phonic suggestions that we have made.

There will be details of how to sign up to parents evening after the October half term, but in the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to a member of the team. We love to share your child's development with you and answer any questions.

Many thanks

Mrs Leanne Ruddock