



Dear Families,

We are really proud of the children in Reception and how quickly they have settled in and are progressing with their phonics.

So far, your children have learned 8 letter sounds through the Jolly Phonics actions.

These are: s a t p i n d m

We call these letters graphemes and the sounds that they make phonemes. Please be careful when practicing these sounds with your children, many commercial programmes and toys do not pronounce them as 'pure sounds'. If you would like to listen to sounds with your child please visit:

www.phonicsplay.com

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

or look at 'Mr Thorne does Phonics' or 'Jolly Phonics' on YouTube

We also play games where children are encouraged to put the letters together to make words. This is called blending. A simple game to play at home is eye spy. Instead of using just the initial sound, sound out all the letters.

We aim for all children to be able to read the majority of words on the reverse of this sheet by Christmas. Most of these words can be read by sounding out (decodable) and there some are words that must be learnt (tricky words).

These are some tricky words:

I
no
go
the
to
into
put

The best way to reinforce the learning of phonics is by sharing your child's reading book at home. Don't forget- you can read magazines, newspapers, library books and share this reading with us by writing in their reading diary.

If your child has read their book, and you have recorded this in their reading diary, please pop it in the 'change my reading book' box.

Kind Regards,

Miss Lawrence, Mrs Edwards and Miss O'Neill

