



18th September 2017

Dear Parents

We have started introducing the children to their letter sounds today. We will be teaching 3/4 sounds per week and will consolidate these daily. We will put a copy of the sound in their book bag each day and would appreciate you practising the sounds with your child. Initially we concentrate on the sound the letter makes, not the name of it, as the children need to know their sounds so they are able to blend them for reading. We concentrate on making the sound short for example 't' rather than 'ter'.

All the children will start at the beginning of the Letters and Sounds sequence of phonics teaching. We will also be encouraging the children to begin to blend the sounds they know to start to read whole words.

Please ensure that the sounds are kept in their book bag, so we are able to update them.

If you are unsure how to say the sound there is a link on our school website to hear the correct sounds. Follow the About Us, Our Curriculum and How we teach phonics links. If you have any difficulty finding this please let us know.

We would like to invite you to watch a phonics session in the class on Tuesday 26th September at 2.45pm. Please use the front entrance to come into school. Following this session we will also send home a guide to phonics teaching in our school for your child. If you are unable to make this session we will send home the information from it.

If you have any questions please come in and ask.

Mrs Jenkins & Mrs Coe