



St. John's CE Primary School

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Phonics Teaching

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been reviewing our delivery of Phonics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. Phonics teaches information such as letters and sounds to help children learn how to read. Children learn the sounds that each letter makes and they learn to blend these sounds to read words and segment a word into sounds to spell.

We will still be following the “Letters and Sounds” programme to teach our phonics lessons, but will also be introducing the sounds to the children using “Read Write inc rhymes”. These rhymes will be used to support children with their letter formation and offer a fun way to introduce the letters and sounds that make up words, using the “Speed Sounds” flash cards. The accompanying illustrations and rhymes will help to place the sounds in context, making them easier for children to remember.

Please find attached the rhymes for the sounds the single phoneme sounds which we have been covering this half term. If you are unsure how to pronounce a sound please ask a member of staff. The reading book your child brings home will be in line with their phonics level this allows your child the opportunity to consolidate the learning in class. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home.

We would like to invite you in to school for a phonics information talk on 27th November at 2:45pm. An invitation to this event with more details will follow nearer the time. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how we teach Phonics and how you can help at home.

I am more than happy to discuss any of the above or answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks,

Kendall Stuart-Smith
Literacy Leader



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