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Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We are very proud of the children's phonics progress this term. They have now been taught the first 31 phonemes (sounds). As we move at a fast pace, it is really important that the children keep practising regularly so they can continue to keep up and feel confident.

Please keep practising:

- Sounds and sight words in sound books
- Blending sounds together to read whole words
- If your child has a phonics reading book, please aim for 5 reads a week and record in their reading record

If your child is not yet able to hear or blend the sounds independently, please encourage them to copy the way you say each sound - this will help them and will build their confidence.

Here is a link to the phonics video shared at our phonics meeting. It demonstrates how to pronounce each phoneme correctly, which will really support your child when blending sounds to read words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=UCI2mu7URBc>

From January, in phonics, our new learning will be focussed on teaching the children how to form each letter of the alphabet correctly, as well as daily practise recalling the sounds we have learned and practising reading words and sentences. Please encourage your child to practise writing at home, paying special attention to starting in the correct place. It is much easier to support correct formation now than to correct habits later on.

The children have also done brilliantly with their first set of sight words. We have now taught the next set, and these will be added to the children's sound books for you to practise together.

If you have any questions at all, please come and speak to me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bevan