

7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year R - Reading at home**

We hope your child has settled into their class and are enjoying their time at school.

We have put together a pack of resources for you to use to support your child in the teaching of reading and writing at home. This pack includes:

- Jolly Phonics Flashcards
- Phonics Homework
- Reading Book
- Infant Pupil Planner
- Name Card

**Phonics Flashcards**

We introduce the children initially to 4 sounds a week through a combination of schemes called 'Letters and Sounds' and 'Jolly Phonics'. They will be learning 45 sounds and 31 tricky words during their time in Year R.

Every Friday, your child will be given a new set of flashcards showing you the 4 sounds taught that week, which includes the action for each sound.

**Phonics Homework**

You will receive a weekly homework sheet that will give you short and fun activities to complete with your child over the week to consolidate their learning.

**Reading Book**

Your child will have a reading book that they will have the opportunity to change every Friday. Please ensure that your child's reading book comes to school every day so it is always available for reading in class.

This half-term, your child will be bringing home word-less books. This is because a key skill of early reading is to be able to tell a story based on what they can see in pictures. Whilst

they are developing their narrative skills they will be progressing through phonics in class. The children will then start moving onto books with simple sentences where they can begin to apply their phonic knowledge.

### **Infant Pupil Planner**

We encourage the children to read at least 5 times a week at home. However, this does not need to be limited to just their school reading book. For example, this could include:

Books at home

Library books

Signs and labels in the environment

Non-fiction books

Instructions

Magazines

Word games

We ask parents to fill in the planner daily so that we know reading is taking place at home. However, there is no requirement for adult comments. The book/activity and a signature is sufficient.

### **Name Card**

We are encouraging the children to write their name independently using the pre-cursive script. As part of this pack, you have your child's name in the pre-cursive script to keep and practise at home.

We hope you find this pack useful and please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years team if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support in your child's learning journey. 😊

Kind regards,

The Early Years Team