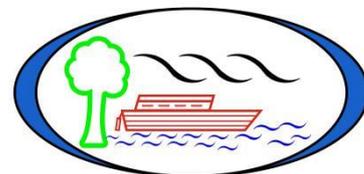


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Dear Parents/Carers,

After a review of our new phonics scheme during half term, we have made some improvements to our delivery of phonics to help children really embed the sounds and recall them more easily, both for reading and writing. These will be as follows:

1. We will be showing flashcards of previously taught sounds in a rapid-recall fashion to remind the children of them, several times a day instead of just in once a day on phonics lessons. We will still be learning a new sound each day for four days (so four new sounds a week). These will be added into our rapid recall of previously taught sounds and so recapped several times a day.

2. We will be spending longer on our phonics lessons with further reading and writing practise embedded in the lessons to help children remember the new sounds.

3. We will be allowing children to use sound mats when completing their spelling tests. We use these every day at school and children are very familiar with them. The spellings are being set at a level appropriate to your child's learning and they should be able segment the word to hear the different sounds and then use a sound mat to find the spellings of those sounds, with minimal support. As they become more familiar with these sounds, they will become less reliant on the sound mats and be able to recall more spellings from memory.

4. The reading books and spellings set to be practised at home, to match the sounds taught and help children recall them for both reading and writing, will be set from the following week rather than the current week. For example, if sounds 'ai' / 'igh' / 'ee' / 'oa' are taught in week 1, they will be set as reading books and spellings in week 2. This will give children more time to become familiar with these sounds and their written form.

We have finished Chapter 3 sounds and will be moving on to Chapter 4 sounds next week (w/b 7/11) and so these books and spellings will be set the following week (w/b 14/11). Next week, will set some books and spelling words using Chapter 3 sounds for consolidation.

(Copies of the different Chapters of sounds are available on the website in the Downloads section of our class pages for reference/ printing and many were handed out on Parents' Evening. However, if you require another paper copy, please just ask us and we will be happy to provide this).

King regards,
The Year 1 Team

