

## **Church Hill Infant School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Phonics**

This week we have started phonics, this means the children will be learning the sounds for individual letters. Please find below a list of phases and letters the children will learn within each phase along with when these are likely to be taught.

Phase	Sounds	Year Group
2	s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, II, ss	FS
3	j, v, w, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er	FS/Year 1
4	No new sounds but longer words are introduced.	Year 1
5	ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, aw, wh, ph, ew, oe, au, ey, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e	Year 1/Year 2

Phonics is a key skill used by children when learning to read and write and we would like your support in helping the children to recognise the sounds they have been taught in school.

Each week the children will be bringing home cards with the sounds they have learnt. These will also include what we call the caption action, this is a phrase used to help the children to remember the sound. Please watch our video on seesaw which will show you how to share these with your child.

It is really important the children learn the letter sound and not the name as this is taught at a later date.

Once the children are confident with the letter sounds you can begin to put the cards together to make three letter words that the children can then have a go at sounding out and blending together. Again we will show you how to do this in school once we have taught enough sounds for the children to make words with.

Finally we will send home the Phase 2 tricky words, these are words that cannot be sounded out and the children need to learn to read these on sight. If you could practise reading these with the children this will support them when we begin to send home books with words.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Creighton EYFS Lead

