

Firthmoor Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for informing the Reception Teachers that you were unable to attend the Reception 'Phonic' session last Thursday.

Here is a brief outline of the areas and ideas we discussed during the meeting.

Pre-reading skills:

- Children need to practise listening skills; these can be developed through sitting quietly with your child and listening to the sounds within the home or walking down the street.
- Rhyming games; making a bag of small toys or pictures with all objects ending with the same sound, e.g ,hat,cat,bat.
- Alliteration; making a bag of small toys or pictures that all start with the same sound, e.g plate, pen, pan, peg.

Each day this week your child will be taught an individual letter sound, s, a, t, p. Each letter sound has a picture clue and an action to support their learning. These letter sounds are then blended together to build words, e.g s-a-t sat. Each sound will be added into their Homework book, therefore it is very important that they bring the book to school and use it at home for revision.

As your child's confidence grows, their reading books will also have text at a level they can access. Just taking a few minutes each night to practise reading their book is an ideal opportunity to support your child's reading skills.

We have enclosed some magnetic letters and board, which are an excellent resource for your child to practise recalling the sounds and then blending the sounds into words.

Later in the Autumn term we will be offering some workshops where parents will be able to come and share some fun activities with their child to further support their reading. We look forward to meeting with you again.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dannatt & Mrs Graham
Reception Class Teachers

