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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have begun our exciting phonics teaching and learning in reception.

Each week, your child will bring home cards which show the phonemes (letter sounds) that we have learned in school. Each phoneme has its own picture, song and action. Ask your child about this, I am sure they would love to show you!

The cards are for you to keep at home to practice with your child. You could play picking pairs games, put the cards up in a room, go on I spy hunts for objects that begin with the same sound e.g. o, orange, c, car.

We will also send home a letter formation sheet for each letter. We will teach letter formation alongside each sound in school.

Tricky words (words that can't be sounded out to read) will also be sent home as we teach them. Tricky words have to be learned as a whole word as they are not decodable.

Please could you ensure that your child has a bag, preferably a bookbag or **small** rucksack that these resources can be put in. Please do not put water bottles in these bags, in case they leak over our school books. Please send the bag in to school each day as we will be sending home reading books soon.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team.

Many thanks

Miss Shaw and Mr Bowen-Davies