

## Phonics Home activities

Reception class have been working very hard with their phonics. They join in well with the phonics lessons and show enthusiasm for learning new letter sounds. It would be really helpful, if over the half term you could encourage your child to spend a few minutes each day, practising their new letter sounds. In doing so this will help them to consolidate and to retain their new phonics knowledge and to build confidence in reading words.

Here are the letters and sounds we have covered so far:

s a t p i n m d g o c k

Your child will now have a set of cards for all of these letters. Here are some extra activities for your child to choose from:

1. Speedy sounds - quick read through the flashcards.
2. Place the cards face down and each time you turn a card over, say the sound. Keep each correct sound. How many cards did you collect? Can you beat it next time? Extend the game by saying a word or finding an object that begins with the sound.
3. Be a sound detective - hide the sound cards in and around the home. Put on your imaginary detective glasses and go and find them. Each time you find a sound card, say 'm there it is, m there it is'!

Words to build and read with your sound cards:

- at, sat, pat, mat
- in, pin, tin, sin
- it, sit, pit, kit
- dog, got, tip

Start off with the first set of words and once your child is confidently sounding out and reading each word then move on to the next set. If your child finds it difficult to build and read these words then put it on hold and instead practise oral blending (adult sounds out a word and the child says the word he or she hears).

Make it fun!

Any questions just ask. I will be talking about phonics and early reading in our upcoming EYFS meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

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