

Reception Spring Term Phonics

During their first term at school the reception children learnt 'Phase 2' phonics. This included learning the majority of the single letter sounds (s, a, t, i, p, n, m, d, o, g, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f, l) as well as their first set of tricky words (no, go, the, I, into, a).

The reception children have now moved onto 'Phase 3' in phonics. In this stage they learn the final few single letter sounds (j, v, w, x, y, z) and then move onto the most common digraphs (two letters that make a single sound such as 'sh' or 'oo') and then trigraphs (three letters that make a single sound such as 'igh' or 'ear').

Sounds learnt in Phase 3			
Single sounds	Digraphs (two letters that make one sound)		Trigraphs (three letters that make one sound)
j – jog v – van w – wet x – fox y – yet z – zip	qu – quit sh – ship th – this ch – chip ng – ring ai – paid ee – feet long oo – moon	short oo – book oa – goat ar – car or – for ur – turn ow – cow oi – coin er – mixer	igh – night ear – hear air – hair ure – sure

During phase 3 the children will also learn new tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out and have to be learnt by sight) and high frequency words (words that can be sounded out but are seen very frequently in text – these are the words that make up the word cards that are sent home in sound folders to practise with you).

Phase 3		
Tricky words we learn to read	Tricky words we learn to spell	High frequency words we learn to read
Said, so, was, you, have, like, some, come, were, there, little, one, do, when, out, what.	We, me, he, be, she, they, all, are, my, her.	Went, from, it's, just, help, children.

As always, do come and see us should you have any questions or concerns regarding your children's learning and progress with phonics and reading.