

Dear Parents,

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'Letters and Sounds' Website for Reception Children

I would like to make you aware of the 'Letters and Sounds' website, found at www.letters-and-sounds.com. This is a useful phonics website which informs you of the order and development steps of how children learn their sounds with this particular phonics programme, beginning with Phase 1 and ending with Phase 6.

It also has free, enjoyable games for children to play (we sometimes play these in school) which they could easily access and practice at home. The games are accessed from the links down the left-hand side of the home page. Reception children are largely learning Phase 3 sounds and this is the link you should click on. With some games you can choose a particular sound to practice reading, such as 'ai', 'ar', 'ee' etc. I would not advise progressing beyond Phase 3 as these sounds have to be learned and thoroughly practiced to ensure good progress in Key Stage 1, where children begin Phase 4.

If you have any problems finding the games or would like advice on how to pronounce particular sounds, then please come and see me.

Could I also ask parents to send in information regarding the things in which children have a particular interest? This may include photographs of hobbies with a small amount of writing explaining how often they undertake the activity and their enjoyment in it. Do they have a particular interest in technology? Does their knowledge of technology surprise you and what can they do with I-pads, computers etc? Are they always making things or drawing? Is there one particular thing they are always doing? Please let us know about their interests and achievements and we can add these to learning journals as evidence of their progress.

Yours sincerely,

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