

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Year One and Two: How to Learn Your Words!**

Please find enclosed a sheet with all the words we would like you to explore with your child this term, reading, discussing, writing and learning them. There is no set way to learn to spell them, but below we have given you a few ideas. A key method is "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check"; you write a word you would like your child to learn, saying it with them before covering it up, asking them to write it, and then checking it together. With practise, your child should be able to complete the process on their own.

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Establish a pattern of what you do each evening at home so you and your child know the routine.

- Do your homework after a snack and a drink and before TV or playtime.
- Keep it short and happy - 10/15 mins every day.

We have always read, sounded out and explored the sounds and words at school so your child may already be able to write them correctly. If so they can always write a sentence with each one in as well as play the games suggested below.

Monday

Read the words and listen to the sounds - count how many phonemes / sounds you can hear eg rain has 3 sounds. Count the sounds on your fingers together. Ask your child to copy some of them on to paper - don't worry about the size of print at this stage.

Tuesday

Re-read the words together quickly.

Cut up some of the words into sounds (eg rain would be r - ai - n) and ask your child to make the words. Or, use magnetic letters.

Wednesday

Re-read the words.

Sound out each word using fingers, one for each sound (again rain has 3 sounds), then have a go at writing them.

Thursday

Call out random words from the list, asking your child to sound them out quickly, using fingers, then write them down.

Friday

Re-read, sound out or spell 5 words from last week.

Call out random words from this week- your child should be able to write them (they can use their fingers but may not need to).

Extra tips:

- Keep the words from Tuesday on the fridge, cupboard or wall so that each week you build up the words and sounds and you can go over them.
- You can make up BINGO games each week as well and the BBC website has a fun phonics games section if you want to use it in addition towards the end of the week once words and sounds have been learnt.
- Let your child test you but they must show you they know the words correctly by sounding them out as well!

Best of luck - it should be good fun, and teddy can always have a go too! ☺

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