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This week the children have started their daily phonics sessions, following our new Ready, Steady, Go phonics scheme. As part of these sessions, they will be completing a workbook focusing on reading the new sound and practising letter formation. We will put the completed workbooks in their bags at the end of each week (starting next week) so that they can share their learning with you at home. If these folders could be kept in their bags, that would be great.

The children will also be given:

- A reading for pleasure book that your child will choose themselves from our class reading areas (we don't expect the children to be able to read these books, they are to share with an adult/sibling).
- A picture book for your child to look at and talk about what's happening in the pictures **or** a phase 2 book based on the sounds we have learnt so far.
- A QR code for you to scan - this directs you to a digital copy of the book that they will have already read in class and will include any sounds/words that have been taught throughout the week. This is for your child to read to you at home.
- A reading diary for you to fill in when you have shared a story and each occasion that your child reads; this is to record your child's reading homework. This doesn't have to be a lengthy comment, we just like to praise the children when they have engaged with reading at home.

Books and QR codes will be updated every Friday.

#### How to support your child's reading

Encourage your child to say each sound in the word eg. c-a-t and then blend the sounds together to read the word 'cat'. A helpful video to show the correct pronunciation of these sounds can be accessed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxLHjtNUxro> for phase 2 sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuDgZwQoZVA> for phase 3 sounds

We will also be teaching some common exception words which are words that can not be sounded out, these need to be learnt by sight. These are words such as 'is, I, the, to, into, no, go, so, he, me, we, be, she, was, my, by, her, you, they, all, are'.

Reading at home is hugely beneficial to your child's reading ability. Thank you for your support.