

# Primary 1 Newsletter

## Term 4: April to June



### Phonics

Previous phonemes taught:

/s/ (s and -ss), /a/, /t/, /i/, /p/, /n/,  
/k/ (c, k and -ck), /e/ (e and ea), /h/, /r/,  
/m/, /d/, /g/, /o/, /u/ (u and -o-),  
/l/ (l and -ll), /f/ (f and -ff), /b/, /j/, /y/,  
/ai/ (ai and -ay), /w/, /oa/ (oa and -ow), /igh/ (-  
ie and -igh), /ul/ (-le),  
/ee/ (ee and ea), /or/,  
/z/ (z, -zz, -se, -ze), /wh/

The bank of grapheme tiles can be used as flashcards to practise recognising and saying the phonemes. They can also be used to make the words in the word lists.

Jotters sent home previously can continue to be used for letter formation practice. Please let us know if you require another one.

### Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Here are some topics we will experience:

- Fairy Tales
- Living Things

### Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be issued on a Wednesday. Children will benefit from reviewing previously taught phonemes, practising decoding to read words and encoding to make words. To support this, we will continue to send home grapheme tiles, as well as decodable words and other decodable texts. Nothing should be returned to school.

### Numeracy & Maths

During this term we will cover:

- Partitioning, addition and subtraction using concrete materials
- Position, direction and movement
- Fractions and sharing
- Collecting, organising and displaying data

Our classroom activities are active or play-based, using concrete materials and natural loose parts. Online activities that may support learning can be found at [Topmarks.co.uk](https://www.topmarks.co.uk) or using the [Education City](https://www.educationcity.co.uk) login issued at the start of the year.

### Reading

Decodable word lists only include phonemes that have been taught in class to enable children to practise sounding out and blending phonemes in order to read the words.

Decodable texts will also include a few 'tricky' words. These are words that are important for beginning readers to learn, even though they include phonics code that is not taught at this stage or is unusual. We do not teach these as sight words to be memorised, we teach the tricky phonics code.

We continue to develop a love of reading in the classroom and promote reading for pleasure. We hope you enjoy sharing regular stories at home too.

### Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days remain **Tuesday and Thursday**.