



Dear Parents,

In Year One we have been working hard to learn our phase 3 and phase 5 phonic sounds. Recently, the Year One teachers have completed a phonics assessment to find out which sounds the children are finding tricky to remember and we will continue to work hard on these sounds in school during our phonics time. Learning their phonetic sounds is an integral part of helping children to read and become confident with recognising digraphs in words. Therefore, we also feel it is important to support you at home to work with your child on learning these sounds. Included in their recommended 10 minutes of reading a night, we will be attaching 'phonics bookmarks' in their reading record this week. These bookmarks will have the sound they are learning at the top, followed by a list of words containing that sound below. When your child reads individually with a grown up in school, the grown up will go through the phonics bookmark and if they feel the child is confident with identifying the sound independently, they will move on to the next bookmark. The phonics bookmarks your child takes home will be from a result of the phonics assessment the teachers completed in class. They can have a maximum of three bookmarks at a time, but if that is unmanageable please only focus on one or two of the phonics bookmarks until they are confident and can move to the next bookmark. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions. Below is a reminder of the phase 3 and phase 5 sounds your child is expected to know in order to make age related expectations by the end of Year One:



Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team