



Dear Parents

We have come to the end of the first half-term and the children are doing brilliantly! They have all settled well and enthusiastically take part in everything that is going on in school.

We have ensured all children have at least two reading books in their bookbags to continue to read during the holidays. We have also given them the rest of the words in the set so they can ensure they know them all ready for the next term.

9 days is a long time for little children so, if you put aside 15 minutes a day to: practise their words by playing games with them and for the children to practise writing their name and read their book with you, this will really help to ensure they don't slip backwards.

Any number work, such as playing board games where the children count the number of spaces they move their counter, counting backwards, counting steps, how many is 1 more, 1 less? would be valuable to your child at this stage.

Finally, singing the phonics song on the school website:

<http://www.whaddon.bucks.sch.uk/website/english/1/197977>

will really help to reinforce the sounds the children are learning.

So far we have introduced:

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, o, l, c, k, ck.

In case this letter goes astray, we will put a copy on the school website letters page.

<http://www.whaddon.bucks.sch.uk/website/letters/151619>

Have a great half-term,

Love from Miss Padbury, Mrs Davies and Mrs Gyau-Awuah