



31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Families,

Over the last two weeks, we have been conducting diagnostic Phonics' assessments with the children. We have been assessing phonemes already taught in school and identifying any gaps in grapheme-phoneme correspondence (being able to match sounds to the letters).

During the Easter holidays, please practise all the letters and sounds from Phase 3 to 5 that we have been learning in class. A Phase 2 to 5 sound poster and relevant PowerPoints have been uploaded to Tapestry and include all the different spelling patterns for the individual phonemes. You could consolidate these by playing the Phonics Play games with your child. There are also YouTube videos for you to watch to help support modelling blending sounds at home: -

- Have a look at the free resources on the resource tab on phonics play Click on Phase 3 and 5. Play Buried Treasure, Picnic on Pluto etc  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3>
- "Mr Thorne Does Phonics" - digraphs and trigraphs on YouTube.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D\\_qRRMUsGqyw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUsGqyw)
- Little Learners Phase 5 Phonics Split Digraphs Segmenting and Blending  
[Split Digraph Words | Magic e | Phonics Phase 5 | Segmenting & Blending - YouTube](#)

Please concentrate on the following spelling patterns which the children often find difficult to secure. Practise reading them in real and nonsense words. Can they spot the digraph in a word? The children are familiar with the terminology and should be able to explain what a digraph is. (A digraph is two letters which represent one sound).

**ea (beach) ow (brown) aw (crawl) au (August) ie (fried) or (report) ar (farmer) er (finger) ir (shirt) ur (church) split digraphs (a-e game, e-e theme, i-e strike, o-e bone, u-e cute).**

In the Summer Term, the children will be preparing for the upcoming Phonics Screening Test which all Year One children are required to take at the end of the academic year. More information regarding this will be sent home nearer the time.

Thank you again for all your support with this at home. Have a lovely Easter.

The Year One Team

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