

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have begun our Jolly Phonics program for the year and your child has been working hard to learn the first six sounds that have been taught. Jolly Phonics is a fun, multisensory way to learn different letter sounds.

The students enjoy stories and songs about each sound and corresponding letter or letter combination. They also learn an action for each sound taught. They reinforce the sound and correct letter formation in their Jolly Phonics booklet which is attached as well as engaging in other activities based around the sounds taught so far.

There are 42 Jolly Phonics sounds to be taught this year. We will begin by learning the 25 (/q/ will be taught as /qu/) single sounds for letters of the alphabet. Later, we will learn the two letter combinations that are used to make other sounds.

In the Jolly Phonics packs that are sent home is a sheet that shows and describes the actions of the six sounds that have been taught in class. A double copy of these sounds is also included. These could be cut out and played as a 'pairs' or 'memory' game with your child. The coloured strip of words are the ones which follow the correct sound pattern so your child could make these words by blending their sound cards together.

Thank you for your support at home to reinforce these sounds and actions. It is an important reading and writing skill to be able to hear and record sounds.

Mrs Naden and Miss Moore

Classroom Teachers

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