

Monday 22nd February

Hello everyone! I hope that you all had a lovely break.

Letters and sounds – phonics games

Phonics play

Phase 3 games (digraph practise)



<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3/flashcards-time-challenge>

Select – ‘pick individual graphemes’, Phase 3 sets 6,7,8,9 (but not oa from set 9 (as we will be learning this tomorrow) you can also select oo from set 10.

Make a match **ee/igh/ai** practise.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3/matching-ph3w4>

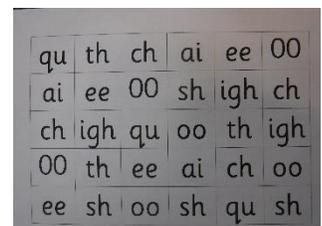
Phase 2 games

You can also choose to play any of the games in the Phase 2 section. We do this at school throughout the year_as we need to keep practising all of the sounds.

You can also look in any story books that you have at home. Can you spot any digraphs that you know?

Quick write digraphs

This activity is to support the children in remembering and writing the digraphs confidently. I have added a sheet of the digraphs that we have learnt so far for you to read out. We are working towards the children being able to write them without having a peek but if they need to have a quick look to remind them, that really is ok right now. You just need a piece of paper and a pen. Read the digraphs together first and then ask your child to write one of each whilst looking just as a practise. Then hide them from your child, read them out and ask your child to write them down. If they can't remember a digraph, it's fine to show them but then cover it up again before they write it. This will encourage them to commit them to memory. You



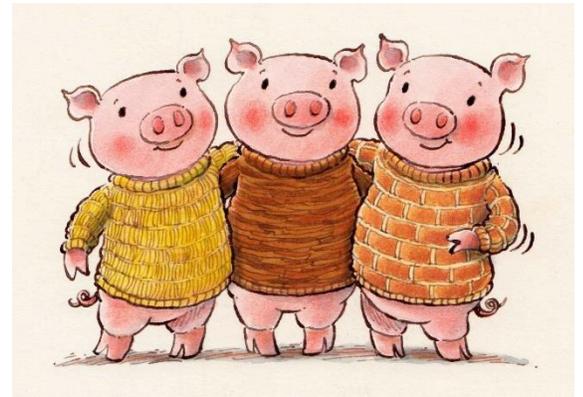
don't have to do all 30. Stop when you feel the time is right!

Don't forget that you can use some of the Phonics Bug games to recap the sounds that we have learnt. The Big Cat bookshelf has reading scheme books that help the children to use those sounds in their reading too.



Reading

The learning this half term will be based around the 3 Little Pigs. I am sure that the children know this traditional tale already, but we will be getting to know the story very well. As an introduction, there is a PowerPoint included to read together and talk about. If you have a book or a version of the story at home, then please read that too.



Shape

This week we will be recapping our work on naming simple 2D shapes.

As part of the Three Little Pigs, we will be looking at houses and where we live. Most of the shape activities this week will be linked to this.

As a starter, there is a song here that we know quite well. We like the waving shapes! The song also includes the number of shapes each side has. We have talked about this too, but it is more important that the children remember the names.

Shape song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkZs2_1-YJU



Number Games

There are a selection of number games to practise recognising, ordering and sequencing numbers. Again, the expectation is that by the end of Early Years, children should be confident with numbers to 20. A few will be working beyond this already and some will still be working within 10. This is completely normal! You can select the number range on some games that you feel is appropriate for your child. I would suggest that you start with low numbers to build confidence. Ordering and sequencing can be more tricky.

Apple picking (missing number game)

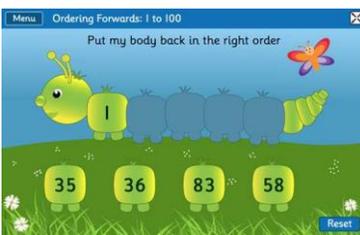
<https://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/apples/>



Caterpillar ordering

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

simple sequences 1 – 10 and also 10 - 1



Ladybird spots

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

ordering 1 – 10 then 10 - 1

If this is tricky then try the counting and matching games.



Gingerbread man game

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game>



If you would like to share some photos of your child's learning, I would love to see them or if you just need to ask a question, please email eyrs@oldheath.essex.sch.uk