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"The child Jesus grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom gaining favour with God and with people." Luke 2:54

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception is a busy and exciting time for children. One of the ways you can help your child is by regularly practising their sounds with them. Each child has a sound book and you will find a grid in the front cover for you to tick every time they read their sounds with you. When the grid is complete your child will earn 4 house points. A bonus 4 house points can be awarded if your child attempts to write the sounds too.

This link will introduce you to the phonics scheme we use in school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44mZZQfgkY>

Pronunciation of sounds is very important to support your child with blending and the following link will further support this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

You will also see a login for spelling shed. Each week I will set spellings using the sounds we have learnt and you can login at home to allow your child to play the games to support their spelling and reading. Some words in the English language are tricky and can't be read using phonics and we learn these words by sight. These will also be practised on spelling shed.

Each child will have a reading book closely linked to their phonics to enable them to read words confidently. These will be changed weekly so please encourage your child to read and talk about the book more than once. Their target is to read 3 times per week and they can earn 4 house points for achieving their target and move a step up our reading ladder. Reaching the top of the reading ladder means they can choose a prize from our prize box. Reading should be recorded on the online 'Learning with Parents' site and as all our Reception have older siblings you will already be familiar with this system.

Your support and regular practice makes a big difference to your child. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs J Loudon
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