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Phonics / handwriting

We are starting to learn how to read and write letters in our phonics sessions at school. This week we have learnt s, a, t. When we read them, we use pure sounds. It is essential that the children learn this way so it is easier for them when they start to blend sounds together to read words. When you practise at home, please make sure you use pure sounds. There is a link below to a YouTube video which explains what *pure sounds are just in case you're unsure. Please don't hesitate to ask* if you have any questions.

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

Tomorrow, I am sending home a homework book where the children can practise forming the letters. Please help them practise writing the *letters using the correct formation. If the children don't learn the* proper formation right from the word go, it makes it harder to undo bad habits later on. For each letter we have a rhyme that we say that helps us remember how to form it correctly. These are written on the homework sheets. Please remember that we are learning to write letters that include a lead in and lead out. See the letter-join log in details attached. When you log on, this will help you understand how we form letters in school and allow your child to practise at home.

Most weeks, there will be some simple words to practise reading. Please encourage your child to blend the sounds together to read each word. This is not applicable to the 1st week.

Many thanks for all your support.

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