

Dear Parents/Carers,

5.11.2009

Key Stage 2 Phonics

As many of you will already know 'Letters and Sounds' is the established and prescriptive programme of phonics that has been predominantly taught in F2 and Key Stage 1. At Chetwynd Road these sessions are taught daily, outside of the literacy hour, and have had a positive impact on children's attainment in both reading and writing.

To share this benefit with all our children we have recently started delivering daily phonics sessions in Key Stage 2. To enable this to happen, children are grouped into appropriate phase groups, and taught the phase from Letters and Sounds which is appropriate to their individual level. These groupings are fluid and the children progress from one phase to the next. Once all six phases have been successfully completed, the children will move on to a 'Spelling Bank' scheme of work. The purpose of these actions is to reinforce and improve children's spelling and grammatical awareness.

To support the children in Key Stage 2, they will have a dedicated phonics book which they will work in during sessions. This book will also be sent home with your child when homework tasks are set. This enables the children to have a full record of the spelling patterns, and grammar rules that they are learning at that time. Phonics homework will be set on a Monday and will be written in the personal organiser. The task may be as simple as a list of words to practise, or to put into sentences, a crossword focusing on a particular spelling pattern, or an oral homework where children can work with someone at home finding examples of the words or spelling patterns they have been working on in class. Where necessary, the children will bring their phonics books home, but it is important that the books return to school each day for our timetabled sessions.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Katie Sillitto

Key Stage 2 Leader