

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that on **Monday 7th** we will be launching our **Virtual Phonics Classroom**, available via your child's google classroom account.

We are aware of the important role you play in supporting your child's reading development at home and have invested in the following resource to ensure you have all the support you need to help your child on their reading journey.

Phonics is for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 who are learning to read. It is also for children in KS2 who haven't met the KS1 reading expectations and need to catch up. Each half-term, we assess and group our children based on their *stage* of reading not age of reading. This means all children practise reading at the right level.

Each week children are taught sounds in class, children practice reading and spelling words containing these sounds and take home story books containing sounds and words they can read.

In addition, we will now upload a recorded lesson of the sounds your child is learning to read, write and practice in class each week. Videos will be uploaded to your child's google classroom on Fridays and the links will remain live for one week for your child to view at home. You will also find links directing you to the appropriate Parent Videos.

An example of how we support children to write simple sentences using their phonic knowledge will be shared with you also, which we hope you will find useful when supporting your child with their Time to Write Homework.

If you have any questions your child's class teacher will be happy to assist you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Tope - Phonics Lead

