



Dear Parents/carers,

We have had another fantastic week in squirrel class. This week we have been learning about 1 more and 1 less and writing a sentence about what we like about being outside.

We have started practising our letter formation using a new resource which gives each letter a rhyme. I have attached a sheet containing all the formation rhymes and pictures to this letter for you to support at home where possible and a paper copy will be sent home next week in the reading packs.

I have enjoyed hearing the children read and am aiming to send reading books home next week. This year we will be sending reading books home in a slightly different way. We will only be changing books once a week (**on a TUESDAY**) but each week we will be giving your child 3 reading books at the relevant stage for them.

Alongside this they will bring home a shared reader book. This is a picture book which we would like you to read to your child and then discuss new vocabulary and the story. This is the first steps in comprehension (a skill we will be continuing to develop this year).

Also we will be sending home a phonics book which will have the sounds we have learnt at school that week. Please spend time practising reading the sounds and writing them using the formation rhymes. Can your child think of words which include that sound?

We have spent the last 2 weeks recapping our phase 2 phonics and red words. The red words are words which cannot be sounded out and therefore need to be learned as a whole word. Please spend some time helping your child practise reading and writing these words.

Phase 2 tricky words
I
into
go
no
to
the

Although we are only sending new books home weekly, please could you ensure that your child's reading record is in school every day. This allows us to hear the children read throughout the week and record it to share with you.

Please ensure your child has a book bag in school next week ready to bring home their weekly reading pack.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rose

