

Success for All



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of what has been a very busy term! The children are growing up so quickly and continuing with their learning journey. Next half term we will be starting to prepare the children for their transition into Year 1.

Tricky Words

We have noticed from our assessments, that children are less confident this year in their ability to read and spell tricky words. Tricky words are those which cannot be decoded using a purely phonic approach and are sometimes referred to as 'sight' or 'key' words. When children have a solid sight word vocabulary it can really improve their reading and writing fluency (speed and flow). To tackle this, we are introducing a new strategy to help children learn how to read and spell their tricky words.

In the back of their reading records, you will now find a character sheet with a group of sight words on for you to practise reading and spelling at home. All children will start with the same character. Once your child can **read and spell** all of the words on the character, please **put a note in your child's reading record** to be handed in at the start of the school day and we will then complete a quick check in school before moving them onto the next set.

To provide an incentive for the children, we will give the following awards for each achievement:

Tortoise	Phase 2 words	Sticker and certificate
Ladybird	Phase 3a words	5 house points & certificate
Dinosaur	Phase 3b words	Special pencil & certificate
Caterpillar	Phase 4a words	10 house points & certificate
Butterfly	Phase 4b words	Pencil topper & certificate

Thank you for your continued support this year. We hope you all have a wonderful half term together!

Kind regards,

Carly Pearson
EYFS Leader

