

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below some additional information that can help with your child's remote learning of phonics and inform you of the progression through the RWI Phonics Programme that we teach at Keir Hardie.

We begin teaching environmental sounds and oral blending with Fred Games from Nursery. This teaching continues into Reception as the children transition and settle into their new classes. Phonics continues to be taught through Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in the following order.

- Set 1 sounds - which are the single alphabet sounds plus sh, ch, th, ng, nk, qu, ck
- Set 2 sounds - ay, ee, igh, ow, long & short oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy
- Set 3 sounds - ea, oi, split digraphs - a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, aw, are, ur, er, ow
- Children who are learning set 1 will also learn to oral blend through Fred games, blend to read, spell with the sounds they have learned so far and write short sentences.
- Any sounds which have more than one letter, we call 'Special Friends' and the split e digraphs as in words - cake, bike, home, huge - we call 'Extra Special Friends'
- Once children are learning set 2 sounds they will work through coloured stages of books - Red Ditty, Green, Purple, Pink
- Once children are learning set 3 sounds they work through coloured books - Yellow, Blue and Grey
- Once working through the books, the children also learn comprehension skills, answering questions about the story or information they have been reading about, using a story voice and reading for fluency.

Key Stage 2 children who need phonic support, will continue to receive phonics lessons and time will be given for extra support in the afternoons with a one to one adult. In addition to the information we have posted please see:

- RWI for parents, (just type into a search engine i.e. Google), which has lots of tutorial videos for parents including a 'Sound Pronunciation Guide'
- Also try searching in YOUTUBE for Rosie and Ruth Phonics, where you will find videos aimed at teaching sounds remotely to children

Your Year 1, 2 and 3 child's teacher, will be able to inform you of his/her current phonics group, to guide you to the documents and videos most relevant to your child's learning.

I am available for any questions or further support I can give you at angela.gamar@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support of phonics at home

Yours sincerely, Mrs Gamar - Phonics Leader