



Thank you for coming to the 'classroom snapshot' which gave you an insight into our Funky Phonics sessions in school. Mrs Holmes and 2 parent governors, Emma McTurk and Sarah Taylor, have reviewed your feedback.

We were really pleased that 100% of the people who returned their feedback found the session and strategies shown useful.

65% of you were happy with the level of support this session had provided you with however it was great to have 35% of you suggest ideas to help you further.

It was great to get some comments from you too. We really appreciate your positive responses.

“very happy with the support in place”

“very informative”

“I enjoyed watching my child respond”

“It was good to see my child engaged in the classroom environment”

What we will do next for you!

You had numerous suggestions for us in regards to phonics including help with terminology, more strategies, reading tricky words, relating the phonemes to reading and how to pronounce the different phonemes. Mrs Holmes will run a Phonics and Reading workshop for parents in the Spring Term. Until then please refer to the 'Homework How to' section of the website where you can find booklets on reading and phonics. This will help to answer some of your questions.

Some of you expressed an interest in being given some direction on where to find materials to support phonics learning at home. Your first point of reference can always be the class teacher and they will be able to help you with ideas to support your child appropriate to the stage they are at. Our school values all aspects of reading and you should not underestimate the value of just reading and sharing a variety of books with your child and going to the library. Children need to listen to a wide variety of stories, poems and rhymes and this does not always mean the book they bring home from school. If you do want to find resources you can find a range of phonically decodeable books in all good book stores! Oxford Reading Tree is has a good range of scheme books. There are so many websites and apps you could use. The BBC has KS1 Bitesize Literacy and Words and Pictures, any resources linked to Jolly Phonics for younger children and topmarks.co.uk has some useful links to a variety of sites. If you also search Phonics+KS1 on the internet there are loads to choose from too.

One person made an interesting idea to upload our snapshots to the website so it can be viewed at home. We will look into this a bit more because it is a really interesting suggestion.

It is clear you are really keen on watching your children in the classroom and we are really pleased you want to see more! So we hope to run another two 'snapshots' linked to handwriting and maths over the Spring and Summer term. If you feel you have a question or need some help with a particular curriculum aspect, which has not been covered here, please see your child's teacher.

Please keep an eye out for the dates!