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## Year 1 Phonics Pack

Dear parents/carers,

As your child has now started Year 1, we would like to give you some information about how they are taught to read at school and how you can support them at home.

At Newcroft we teach phonics using Letters and Sounds in ability groupings from EYFS to Year 2. Once children move into Year 3, we teach phonics as an intervention for those who are still identified as needing support with reading, alongside other reading comprehension interventions. Letters and Sounds is a detailed and systematic programme for teaching phonic skills for children starting by the age of five, with the aim of them becoming fluent readers by age seven. It follows six phases.

In Year 1, many of the children are now working at Phase 5 and some will begin this very soon. It is vital that your child practises all flashcards regularly from all of the phases to ensure they are confident, accurate and have instant recall. The flashcards are the same as the ones we use in Year 1 and are colour coded for the different phases. Phase 2 is orange, phase 3 purple, phase 4 green and phase 5 pink.

For more information about phonics and Early Reading, please visit the Newcroft website (links below) to find detailed information about the different phases that your child is taught through school. You will also find the slides from the meeting on there if you were unable to attend or to keep referring back to.

<https://www.newcroftprimaryacademy.co.uk/our-subjects/early-reading-and-phonics>

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The phonics pack enclosed provides activities to help you to continue to focus on phonics with your child at home. In the phonics pack there is:

- Phase 2 – 5 sound flashcards
- Phase 2 – 5 tricky words
- Buried treasure – Phase 3 and phase 4 words
- Snakes and Ladders – Phase 5

We also recommend that you share books regularly with your child. You can do this by reading 'The Dandelion Readers' and the book banded book your child brings home. This will give them the opportunity to practise the knowledge of sounds and the segmenting and blending skills they have learnt in phonics. You can also access books to read on your child's Bug Club account. All of these reading materials are matched carefully to your child's phonics ability and will support them in becoming confident, fluent readers.

In the Spring term, you will be sent a Phonics Screen example pack to work on with your child.

If you have any questions about the pack, please do not hesitate to contact the teachers in Year 1.

Many thanks for your support,

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