

In Reception children will learn to read the alphabet. Your child will learn the names of the letters, the uppercase and lowercase form and the phonic sound of each letter, e.g. the phonic sound 's' can be heard at the beginning of the word 'snake'.

Each week we will be focusing our learning around different letters. Your child will receive homework each week focusing on the letters we have learnt in class. Phonics is a very important start in teaching your child how to read and write therefore it is very important that they are able to practise what they have learnt in school.

At St George's we want your child to have the best start in their learning therefore we ask for your support and encouragement in helping your child to consolidate their learning at home e.g. help them to practise saying the letter name and the phonic sound of the letter. Help them to think of different words that begin with that letter and encourage them to practise writing the letter correctly.

As well as this your child will be given a piece of maths work which will consist of them practising their counting, recognition and number formation.

Your child will be given 5 key words to practise each week. These will be taken from the list of 100 high frequency words that we are expecting them to be able to read by the end of Reception. We encourage you to get them to say each word in a sentence, find them in their story book, spot them in the local environment and get them used to reading them by sight. You will find a copy of their year group high frequency words at the back of their homework book for you to be practising throughout the year.

Apart from learning their key words for the week we hope that you will continue to support us in teaching your child to read, please ensure you write in their reading journal about what they have read, how they have read and what they have understood, at least 3 times a week. Children will receive one Oxford Reading Tree Book and one book of their choice, this will be changed on a weekly basis.

Homework is given out Wednesday and due in Monday.