



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Phonics

As you are aware we launched our new Phonics programme 'Read Write Inc' in September. For the past two weeks we have been undertaking assessments with the children and we are pleased to announce that we are already seeing some incredible achievements. As we draw to an end of our first full term implementing the scheme, we wanted to inform you of what happens next.

Assessments

As previously stated, over the past two weeks the assessment team have assessed every child in EYFS, KS1 and those in KS2 requiring support in phonics. These assessments allow us to identify the progress of each child and group them accordingly.

Groupings

Groupings are based on a number of criteria including:-

- Sound knowledge
- Ability to apply sounds in read and nonsense words
- Speedy word reading
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For some children they will have achieved everything in their group banding and so move onto the next stage. For others, they may have only got part way through their group banding or require to revisit some of the sounds or words for consolidation. This ensures that no gaps are created and that fluency in reading remains high on our priority in order to create confident readers.

Book bag books

These will be collected in over the Christmas holidays so that we can make sure the correct stage is ready for your child on their return. Please do continue to read to your child and share lots of stories over the Christmas break.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support during our implementation phase and we look forward to sharing all of our successes with you in the future. Please look out for our parental workshops in the next term.

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