



## Ditton Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The attached leaflet provides an overview of how we progress through learning in phonics and I am sure you will find this useful when supporting your child's learning at home.

In school we teach phonics every day from Reception through to Year 2. You will find the phonic focus for your child's class each week on their home learning letter. We have found that there is a very positive impact on children's learning when phonics are also practised at home.

The attached leaflet includes key words your child uses when talking about phonics in school. For example we use the word 'phoneme' to talk about the smallest unit of sound. The leaflet also outlines an overview of how we progress through learning in phonics from phase 1 (usually taught at pre-school) to phase 6. By the end of Reception we aim for children to be secure at phase 4. The second page of the leaflet shows each phoneme (the unit of sound), the grapheme (how that unit of sound is written), sample words containing the different phonemes and high frequency words that contain the less common spellings of the phonemes.

If you have any further queries about how to support your child with phonics please do see your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Headteacher and Leader of Literacy.