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Dear PP1 Parents,

We enclose a pack to help support your child with handwriting and phonics at home.

Once your child has practised their handwriting and are writing each letter confidently they will move onto joined up or cursive handwriting.

Please practise the phonics whilst reading, for example, 'Sam went to play in the garden', as your child reads this go back to the word 'play' and ask your child to sound the word out 'p' 'l' 'ay'. Make sure that they are aware that 'ay' makes one sound. Also pick out a phoneme in different words e.g. 'play', 'lay', 'May', 'pay' and 'tray'. Discuss how these words all have the 'ay' phoneme (sound).

The children will be working on Phase 5 throughout PP1, however, we have also provided phases 2, 3 and 4.

We have also attached a sheet with the Year 1 High Frequency Words. These are words that the children will be expected to know by the end of Year 1.

All of the above can also be used throughout the year including school holidays.

Kind regards,

**Miss Forster**  
**Mrs Podmore**  
**Mrs Hutchinson**