

Time to read sheets

Dear Parents/ Carers

At Holmesdale Infants we use 'Time to Read' sheets as part of our phonics lessons. You will have seen that your child has brought home some of these 'Time to read' sheets already. These are an important part of our phonics practice. Children use these sheets in phonic lessons to practise applying the new sound (phoneme) being learnt to both read and write along with practising tricky words and alien words. These are then sent home the same day so that children have another opportunity to practise the new sound they are learning but also so that you as the parent/carer can see what your child is learning and give them extra support.

Every sheet has:

- A yellow 'we are learning to spell' box. Children are taught how to spell tricky, high frequency and common exception words which are practised all week in phonics lessons.
- A selection of words to read. Children practise applying the given sound.
- Alien (pseudo) words, these are words which are nonsense and allow children to apply the new sound. Alien words are part of the phonic screening test which takes place in June for Year 1 pupils.
- Tricky words which children are learning to read. These are words which cannot be sounded out and just have to be learnt.
- A sentence/sentences for children to read applying their phonics.
- Pictures for children to write the matching word for using the new phonic sound.
- Space for children to write a given a sentence.

Some sheets may look slightly different due to them being differentiated, this could mean they have fewer or more words, shorter or longer sentences to read and when spelling it may contain phoneme frames under the picture to help support children when segmenting to spell.

It is expected that children practise their time to read sheet at home every day.

This allows children to consolidate the learning that has taken place that day and become more confident and has a positive impact on their knowledge and progress. They are also a great way for you as parents/carers to see how your child is progressing. We love seeing pictures and videos of you practising and using your phonic sheets at home on Evidence Me so don't forget to show us.

Simply put, children should practise reading the words and sentence on the front and then have a go at spelling using the pictures on the back and use them in a sentence. Please see the attached annotated sheet of a time to read sheet for further guidance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support,