

Daily Phonics sessions.

We are aware that attempting to teach phonics can seem a rather daunting task!! So we wanted to let you know about a useful resource that you may wish to try with your child.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/help-during-school-closure/>

Ruth Miskin training are offering free daily phonics lessons during the closure. Your child will be familiar with some of the rhymes as these are the same as we use at school. Most children will find set **2 sounds** a good place to start, although we have learnt some of set 3 they may well have forgotten them! Some will find a refresher of set 1 would also be useful. The children need to be encouraged to repeat the sound or blend when the presenter stretches out her hand and they may wish to have a go at writing it too. The sessions will work much better if you sit with your child and join in!

If you are unsure of how to say certain sounds or how to help with phonics and reading there are a good range of parent videos for you to watch first. Just a small point we use the words digraph to refer to two letters making one sound and trigraph- three letters and not “special friends” as the presenter does!

The site also signposts you to the oxford owl reading scheme books which the children are already familiar with and is a really good source of reading material.

### **Timings starting on April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Set 1 -9.30

**Set 2-10am**

Set 3 10.30

Don't panic if you miss one as you can catch up within 24 hours and past sessions are available. If your child is really not enjoying them just spend the time sharing a book instead. Remember this is not the time to be worrying them or you about reading. We can catch up with learning once this is over as long as we have happy, healthy children to work with!

Take care and sending best wishes

Ros Stamper and Megan Tonkyn