



# Sunflowers' Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We hope that you enjoyed the Welcome Assembly last week. The children loved seeing themselves on screen as 'Superstars!' Anyone who is yet to log on to Google Classroom, please do try as soon as possible. If you are having any trouble, please contact the school office. Today our 'Meet with the Teacher' video will be uploaded there with important information for this term. We begin short formal teaching sessions in class this week. Ideas of how you can support at home are included below.

## Phonics

This week we start teaching phonics which form the foundations of helping the children to read and write. We will be learning the sounds m, a, s, d, t. You can help your child to practise these sounds by looking for things around the house or outside beginning with the sound (please use the sound and not the letter name). There is lots of information on the following website:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-ino-phonics-guide/#set1>

We would ask at this stage that you support with saying and reading the sounds correctly rather than writing them. It is very important that the children are taught to form the letters correctly from the very start, which we will support them to do at school. As the children become more confident with their letter formation, then we will recommend practising at home too.

## Maths- Just Like Me

In Maths, we are learning about matching, and also identifying what is the same about different objects. At home, you can support by getting your child to match items that are the same. This is a great chance to get some help around the house by getting your child to match pairs of socks and cutlery into cutlery trays. Outside maybe they could collect some fallen leaves and try to find ones that are the same. If they are not identical, talk about what is different about them and what is the same. Games of snap or pairs are very good for matching too.



## PE kits

We hope to start PE this Friday, so please ensure PE kits are in school by then.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Munday and Mrs Beckley

