

S t Thomas More RC Primary School
Early Years Foundation Stage
Reception Class



15th November 2018

Dear Parents,

High Frequency Words

As you are aware, the day for 'High Frequency word checks' is Tuesday. This is our timetabled day to complete the checks with the children. We would just like to clarify the way the Reception High Frequency Words work. This information can also be found in the letter that accompanied the High Frequency Words when we first issued them at our 'Settling In' meetings in October.

In Reception there are 45 'High Frequency Words' that children are expected to be able to read and write. These 'High Frequency Words' are the most commonly used words in the English language.

Each week we will send home a selection of these words for you to initially support your child in learning to read them. Some of the words are on red card. These are the words in our phonics scheme that we call 'red words.' These are words that you cannot 'sound out' you just have to be able to see them and read them.

Some of the words are on green card. These words in our phonics scheme are called 'green words' and they can be sounded out, however we do encourage the children as they progress with their reading to be able to also see and say these words too.

Every Tuesday you will need to return the words in their packet to school. A member of our Reception team will 'check' the children's words and when they are secure and confident with them, we will issue new words.

As you will appreciate, children develop at different rates and we work with your child at their pace. When your child is ready and they are confidently reading all 45 words, we will then begin to learn to spell the words.

If you find that some of your child's words have an ' * ' next to them, this is just a symbol to say to keep practising those particular words.

'Stay and Play'

Our 'Stay and Play' sessions will be held next week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9-10am). On the day of your visit, please 'drop off' your child as usual and then enter the school building at 9am via the main entrance. Whilst you are with us, we have a 'Transport' themed activity for you and your child to complete together. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a 'Stay and Play' session.

If you have any queries or questions, please pop in and speak to us.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Reception team