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Dear Parents,

We would like to start this letter by saying a big thank you for your support so far to settle the children into school. It has been lovely to see just how quickly they have settled into school life.

We are sending home the much anticipated first reading book! We begin our reading journey with picture books, as a key part of learning to read is talking about the story and the setting, making simple predictions and noticing character emotions. We are big believers in reading for pleasure and very much want this to be a positive experience therefore please remember that your child does not need to read a whole book in one sitting. Sharing a couple of pages and engaging in quality discussion is much more valuable.

We are also sending home our first set of phonemes (sounds) which have been introduced to the children this week. We have introduced the name of each letter and taught the children the sound it makes.

Please feel free to cut the cards out and keep them in the sound sack provided. You can play matching games with them. You could also get the nerf guns out and play shoot the sound or hide them around the house and go on sound hunts.

Once your child is confident with these sounds you can use the letters to build the following words: as, at, pat, tap, sat.

Please do ask a member of the Lacey Class team if you have any concerns or queries regarding reading or phonics. We are always happy to help!

Many thanks

Mrs Starkey, Mrs Trowell, Miss Newland and Miss Holbrook

