



Foundation Stage News

St Francis Class



Week Beginning: 1/7/24

We had a super time at the beach last Tuesday.

We are using the story of 'Bonting' by Shirley Hughes to write a story about our own special pebble/shell. This will allow us to use all of our writing skills we have learnt this year. This will include our best handwriting, listening for and writing letter sounds in words, starting our sentence with a capital letter, leaving finger spaces between words and ending our sentences with a full stop.



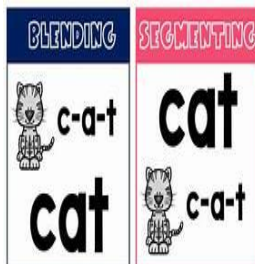
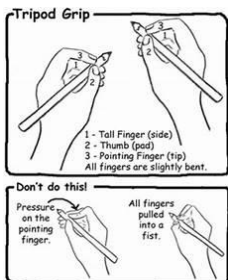
I am so proud of how hard the children have worked this year to become super writers.

The phonics we will be learning are:-

i_e, o_e, u_e

We are learning that two letters that make one sound are called 'digraphs'. We are also learning that three letters that make one sound are called 'trigraphs'. We are learning about 'split digraphs' like *i_e* in words such as *b-i-k-e*.

We are working on using our letter sound knowledge independently in our reading and writing.

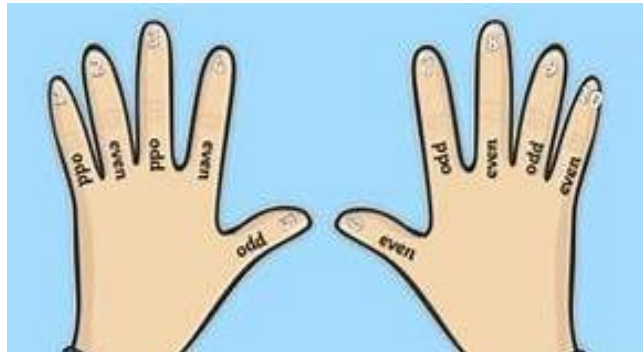


Please use the links below to watch video clips which may help you with how to 'say the sounds' if you are unsure:

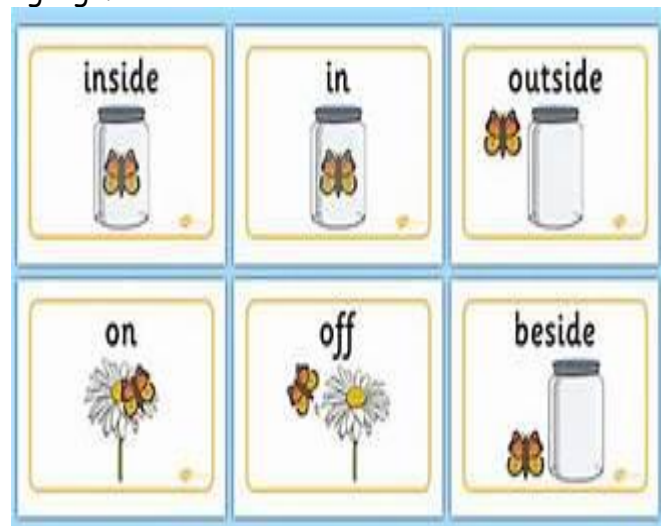
- [Phase 2 Pronunciation on Vimeo](#)
- [Phase 3 Pronunciation \(vimeo.com\)](#)
- [Phase 5 Pronunciation on Vimeo](#)

Maths:

In Maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers.



We are also exploring and using positional language.



Here is a reminder of how we write our letters in school. Some letters stay on the grass, some go up into the sky and some go down into the mud.

CHALLENGE - Can they have a go at writing our phonics sounds?

