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Dear Parents & Carers

At Bishopswood, we are excited to share that we have adopted a new phonics scheme. It is called '**Monster Phonics**' and it is systematic, synthetic, story based, phonics programme, for Reception and Key Stage One. The programme is based on the progression of Letters and Sounds and is designed to ensure all pupils achieve reading success.

We believe that providing engaging, fun and interactive phonics lessons is the key to successful and enthusiastic readers and writers. We have adopted the Monster Phonics scheme that uses fun characters to help the children engage with their learning, make connections and as a result make rapid progress with both their reading and writing. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be taught discrete daily phonics lessons. Each lesson focuses on a new phoneme (sound) whilst recapping and revisiting those previously taught. Lessons are based around a variety of games and tasks that help the children to engage and embed new learning into the long-term memory.

Part 2 of this letter outlines the way Monster Phonics works. Monster Phonics makes learning fun and more memorable. Rather than relying on rote learning, Monster Phonics uses colour-coding to promote understanding, which leads to children becoming confident, independent learners. Confidence builds their passion for school and for life. Monster Phonics accelerates progress through consistency and so it is important to use this approach at home whenever you are helping your child with phonics or learning spellings. We will be uploading a selection of resources and further information to the school website at <https://www.bishopswoodschools.co.uk/bishopwood-school-infant/year-groups/phonics> to enhance your child's phonics learning at home.

As a school, we have invested heavily in this new scheme to ensure that all of our pupils achieve phonic success. As we embed Monster Phonics into our curriculum, we will begin to introduce the Monster Phonics books and e-books into our reading scheme. These books are fully decodable and fully aligned with the programme. We have a number of brand new copies of all of the titles available and ask you to respect and care for the books at home.

If you have any questions about reading or phonics at Bishopswood please speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Ledger our Phonics Leader or Miss Wright our English Leader.

Yours sincerely
Mr G Golding
Executive Headteacher

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Phonics

Caring



Respecting



Thriving Together



Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.