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Dear Parents,

Please find below a list of useful websites you may wish to explore. All of these will help you to support your child's learning of letters and sounds at home and in school.

St Mary's RC Primary school follows the Government's recommended phonics teaching programme, 'Letters and Sounds', but we also use 'Jolly Phonics' as our main supporting material in Foundation Stage and KS1.

The following website has a number of free resources that you can download including music videos of the 'Jolly Jingles' we use to help children develop a multi-sensory approach to learning Letters and Sounds, colouring sheets, games and the sounds themselves, where you can check the spelling of all the letter sounds (phonemes) and that your child is saying the letter sounds correctly.

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/overview-about-jolly-phonics/>

This BBC website, 'Bitesize' has a number of interactive and fun games which are suited to learning letters and sounds.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/>

We use Phonics Play in school and your child will be familiar with these games. You will find a parent information section on this website that will give you a little more information as to how letters and sounds are taught and a range of free resources, including worksheets and games that you can use to support your child's learning.

There is also an option to buy a subscription to this website, should you wish, which will give you access to many more activities. Presently this is £12 per year and you can access a free trial before buying into the website resources.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

If you have a smart phone or tablet, **Pocket Phonics** is a very useful app and is free, although again there is an option to upgrade should you wish.

Please do speak to me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Kilbane

