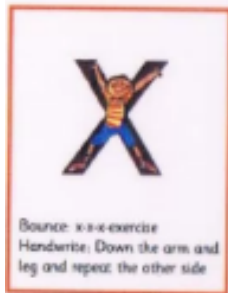


Dear Parents and carers,

Last week during our daily phonics lessons the children learnt the new sounds x, sh and th. The image and handwriting phrase helps the children remember each sound.



The sounds 'sh' and 'th' are a little different to the other sounds the children have learnt. 'Sh' and 'th' are digraphs, this means that when grouped together, the two letters make a single sound. For example words like 'ship' and 'fish' only make sense if children recognise that 's' and 'h' make the sound 'sh'.

Working with your child to practice recognising each sound will help them make speedy progress in phonics. Reading to your child daily is also a great tool for developing a love of reading which is essential for success in phonics.

This Read Write Inc [video](#) demonstrates how your child should pronounce each sound. There are lots more excellent phonics resources available in the [Ruth Miskin parents portal](#). If you would like advice about any other resources please do ask.

Best regards,

Miss Caush (phonics lead) and the Early Years team