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Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed the grapheme/phoneme information sheet from our phonics scheme, Essential Letters and Sounds, accompanied with the Harder to Read and Spell Words we have learnt this term.

The grapheme is the sound we write, the phoneme is the sound we hear. Please practise the phonemes (letter sounds) and words at home with your child to support them with learning to read. You will find a help video on our school website with useful information about how to pronounce sounds correctly.

You will see the graphemes have a picture (e.g. s for snake) and a short ditty (e.g. swerve around the snake). We learn this to help the children link the sound to an image and to remember how to form the letter correctly when we are writing.

Please also find enclosed a maths home learning sheet which links to what we have learnt in school last term. This will help you support your child with practising maths at home.

Finally, we would like to invite you to a 'Stay and Play' afternoon in Butterfly Class on **Monday 13th November 2023 at 13.00-14.45**. This will give you the opportunity to see how we support children with early literacy and oracy skills and how we challenge and extend their learning through play. We have enough space for one adult per family.

Please confirm (by email to Mrs Munt) if you are able to make this date.

Kind regards

Mrs Waters
Butterfly Class Teacher