

25<sup>th</sup> May, 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

Today your child has brought home a copy of our 'chitter chatter chant and speed sound cards'. Your child will be familiar with these cards and the associated animal that matches the letters we have learnt in class so far. These cards can be used at home to further develop and support your child's literacy skills. When using the cards, encourage your child to regularly make the correct sound as well as naming each letter.

**Please just use the cards with the sounds that appear in their take-home books.** These cards can be used in multiple ways to help your child practise reading and writing at home. For example, use the cards to play games like memory and snap; where the letter matches the correct animal. You could put three sounds together to make words and extend this task by using manipulation of sounds to change the initial or final sound in a word to make a new word (c/a/t – b/a/t – h/a/t). Or you could write words that your child can make with the letters available and have them match the correct animal to each of the letters in the word. Please note that while we believe the more exposure to this learning will help students develop their reading skills, they are just suggestions and **are not** compulsory homework.

It is important that you child makes the correct sound. It is also important to note that if you ask for sounds, that your child gives you the letter's sound. If you are asking for the letter's name they give you the letter's name and not interchange them. If you are **sounding** out cat it is /c/ /a/ /t/, not see-A-tee as that is the names of the letters in the word cat.

If you need any clarification please speak to your child's teacher.

Regards,

Prep Team