

5th September 2022

Dear parents and carers

One day next week, your child will bring home their first five, year one high frequency words on a treasury tag to learn out of a total 45. Although some of these words may be phonetically de-codable, it is best for the children to recognise them by sight. We "see the word, say the word".

Your child will have a week to practise and learn these words at home from the day they are given. Whilst we practise them through different games and activities throughout every day at school, your help at home makes a huge difference. Showing your child their sight words a couple of times a day, you saying them and then your child saying them back to you (ensuring your child is looking at the words, not you!) is a great way to embed them in your child's memory. Some people write the words on post-its and stick them around the house, or on related household objects (such as 'up' high on a wall).

Each week (on the same day) we will assess your child to check which words they can read. For each word they can read, they will have a new word added to their treasury tag. This means they will always have five words on their tag that they are practising and in the end it will be full of 45 words! Some children know them all by Christmas, which is amazing! That is exceptional and our aim is that every child knows all 45 by Easter.

Many thanks in advance for your support in helping your child learn their sight words. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,

The Turtles Team.