

# Padnell Infant School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## Year R - Twinkl Phonics

You may have noticed we have made some changes with our phonics. Due to changes being imposed by the Department for Education, we now have to follow a specific phonics scheme. As a school we have chosen to use Twinkl Phonics – a resource both us and your children are familiar with using.

You will notice that rhymes and actions may have changed from the ones we taught previously and the children will be picking these up as we teach them the new sounds.

We will now be showing the children the letter in a non-cursive formation which for the majority will be much easier than to initially form. For those children who have already managed to write cursively this is fine and we will continue to encourage this, as this will still be the aim for handwriting by the end of Year 2.

We will be sending home an information sheet for each sound and a mini-book on a Thursday. This will be added to Tapestry for you to practise and to embed the week's sounds. The individual sound and tricky word cards will continue to be sent home as usual.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

The Year R team

Our Padnell promise is to be a:

**G**iving citizen  
**R**esilient learner  
**O**riginal thinker  
**W**ise worker

