

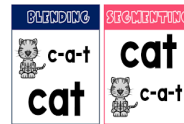
# Westgate Primary School



## Autumn 2

As your child begins their reading and writing journey two of the most vital skills they need to be able to do to are the abilities to **orally blend and segment**. Blending is when we combine the sounds in a word, for example we would sound out the word cat as c-a-t and your child would combine the sounds to know we are saying the word cat. The skill of blending is used when we are reading. Segmenting is when we separate the sounds in a word, for example the word cat is separated into c-a-t. The skill of segmenting helps children learn to spell and write. Your child needs to be able to do both these skills independently. Initially we would not expect them to read or write the words but be able to say the words and sounds out loud. To ensure your child is confident doing these skills they need lots of practise.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GPbrJZqe3g> This is a great video with some oral blending and segmenting games on for you to complete with your child.



If you have any questions at all please ask your child's teacher as they will have lots of ideas and suggestions to help your child on their first step to becoming successful readers and writers.

Thank you so much for all your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you so much to everyone who came and visited us in the classroom for our reading afternoon, it was so lovely to see so many of you and the children loved showing you what life in their classroom is like.



Google Classroom

A few weeks ago, your child was given a Google classroom log in. We will use the classroom to keep you all up to date with all the latest Reception news as well as sometimes adding activities you could do with your child at home.

If you have not signed up yet (using your child's log in) or if you did not receive their log in please talk to your child's class teacher.

Just a quick reminder there is a Maths parent workshop on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

The session is about how we teach maths at Westgate and how you can support your child's maths journey - Don't worry there will be no arithmetic tests for you!!



We also have a dress up day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate all things numbers.

Finally keep your eyes open for news about our NATIVITY!!!

## Key Vocabulary

Celebrate  
 Birthday  
 Diwali  
 Bonfire Night  
 Christmas

Counting  
 More than  
 Less than  
 Add  
 Equals

Friends  
 Sharing  
 Taking turns  
 Listening  
 Kind

Blending  
 Segmenting  
 Word  
 Sentence  
 List

## Understanding the World



Diwali  
 Bonfire Night - Guy Fawkes  
 Autumn  
 Owls - Nocturnal animals  
 Christmas

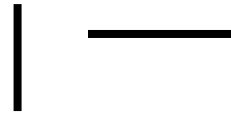
## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Sharing and taking turns.  
 Following class rules.  
 Making friends.



## Physical Development

Squiggle whilst you wiggle



Mr Crocodile - to help with pencil grip and control.

## Mathematics

Looking at numbers 5-10

More than/less than

Looking at different ways of making a numbers e.g. 6 can be made by 4+2 or 3+3

"What do you notice?"



## Communication and Language

Learn and use a wide range of vocabulary.  
 Start a conversation with a friend and a grown up.  
 Learn our nativity songs.



## Expressive Arts and Design



Rangoli Patterns

Firework Painting

Bake a cake

Christmas Crafts



## Literacy

Learning the names and sounds for letters of the alphabet.

Reading simple CVC words like sat and pin.

Kipper's Birthday

Goldilocks

Peace at Last.

