



# Powerstown Educate Together National School

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**Re:** Jolly Phonics and Homework

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this finds you well following the mid-term break. We will be increasing our homework this half of the term as we begin the Jolly Phonics programme.

Jolly Phonics is a programme designed to help children to learn how to read and write. The children are firstly taught the letter sounds - through actions, songs and stories. Every week the children will learn three new sounds, starting with s, a, t, i, p and n.

For homework children will each receive a Jolly Phonics Sounds Notebook, please look at this notebook each night, ask your child what sound they learned at school that day and practise making the sound with them. You can practise the song and actions for that sound with them (songs are available on youtube). You can also ask them to tell you about the sound story from that day and to identify things around them with that sound eg sock, chips, grass, etc.

Therefore from today homework will comprise:

- Handwriting: Practise writing name in cursive script → Complete 2/3 lines per night
- Worksheet: Number formation or Pre-writing activity → Complete 2/3 lines per night
- Shared Reading: Storybook
  - Monday: Read the story to your child
  - Tuesday: Read the story with your child; Ask your child questions about the story
  - Wednesday: Read story with your child and ask them to write and draw about their favourite part (**Please note:** This 'writing' should be the children's *own* work)
- Jolly Phonics Sounds Notebook: Practise new sound each night and revise previous sounds

Homework folders are to be returned to school every Thursday for correction.

As always if you have any questions about this homework, please don't hesitate to contact me on [aoife@powerstownet.com](mailto:aoife@powerstownet.com) or call in after school

Kind regards,

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