**Fun phonics ideas!**

**Ideas for practising phonemes/graphemes and tricky words**

* Play ‘bouncy blending’ – you can do this with cushions or chalk circles on the ground. Place one sound next to each cushion or circle, children jump from one to the next, saying each sound and then blend them together at the end to read the word.
* Swat – if you have a fly swatter children can ‘swat’ the sound when you call it out. Sounds can be chalked onto the ground or written on separate cards. If you don’t have a fly swatter, children can just jump onto the sounds.
* Phonics treasure hunt – hide sounds on cards around the home and garden. When you find a sound, write down a word containing it.
* Practise chalking words containing different sounds outside and then making them disappear using a paint brush and water. If you have no chalk try just using a brush and water, you could do this on vertical surfaces like outside walls (this is a great one for arm muscles too!)
* Paint and collage words/sounds.
* Make them from stones, sticks and loose natural parts.
* Make them from playdough and pipe cleaners.
* Play ‘shoot’ the sound/word – you can do this with water pistols, nerf guns, wands, sticks or something pointy. Place different sounds/words onto a vertical surface and ‘shoot’ them when they are called out.
* Rip up scraps of paper and write words/sounds on them. Shout out a word and when you find it screw it up into a ball. When you have them all in little balls play ‘popcorn’ with them and throw them up in the air. Unscrew them and read again.
* Rainbow writing – all the children love this one! Instructions were posted for this last week.
* Play phonics bingo.
* Make up a snakes and ladder phonics game.
* Play phonics hopscotch.
* If you have any milk bottle lids you could write sounds on them and use them to build words. Remember to write digraphs and trigraphs on one lid though.
* Make an ‘I-spy’ bottle. Find an empty plastic bottle with a lid. Put some rice/pasta in it along with either words or pictures containing sounds you spell. Give it a shake and make a list of the ones you spy.
* Play ‘wash the word’ – chalk words onto the ground then use brush and some water to make them disappear when each one is called out.
* If you have access to sand and a bucket or sand pit/tray you could have hidden words and sounds to hunt for and spell.

**Have fun playing some of these games. If you make up any new games of your own don’t forget to share them with me on Tapestry!**