



Live Laugh Learn

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Monster Phonics Day/Comic Relief Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Friday March 18th it is Comic relief day across the UK. Here at St.Cleopas we have decided to combine Comic relief day with celebrating our phonics program – Monster Phonics.

What is Monster Phonics? The 26 letters of the alphabet and combinations of these letters make 44 speech sounds in English. The 44 sounds (phonemes) are spelt by 144 different letter combinations (graphemes). For example, the sound A is spelt several different ways, including ay (play) and ai (train). Traditional ways of learning to spell can be time-consuming and for some children they are ineffective. Monster Phonics teaches children to read by enabling them to identify the individual graphemes (letter combinations) and blend the sounds (phonemes) together to read the word. To support this process, Monster Phonics uses the 10 monsters to categorise all sounds into 10 simple areas. Furthermore, each monster has a different colour and that colour represents that way of spelling the sound.

How does it improve learning? The child learns through the assignment of colour and the linkage of the sound, as well as seeing the colour, creating more ways of remembering the spelling. Your teacher will be using games, songs and activities that continuously reflect this way of learning, so that structure is constantly seen, heard and experienced by your child. This consistency is critical in ensuring that a complicated language is learnt in the most simplistic way. Therefore it is essential that you use Monster Phonics

Each monster has a colour and I would like the children to dress up as one of the phonics monsters and the day will be spent immersed in some fun phonics activities linked to our phonics objectives. Also, there will be a competition for all key stages to take part in. I would like each child to produce a piece of written work (ideally, but could be pictorial for EYFS) about the monster they are dressed up as, e.g., **Cool Blue** monster is the 'oo' sound so the children could write a story about '**Cool Blue** goes to **school** in **Liverpool**'. The written piece will include lots of words containing the sound (phoneme) from their chosen monster.

Please do not buy a costume as I know that lots of you will have recently bought costumes for World Book day. You could simply ask your child to dress us in the colour of their favourite monster and maybe make a homemade mask.

As it is comic relief, the children can contribute £1 for comic relief and dress up as their favourite monster.

Please see the monsters overleaf.

Looking forward to seeing all the scary monsters on the 18th March,

Kindest regards,

Lyndsey Humphreys

(Phonics Lead)



Angry Red 'A'



Green Froggy 'E'



Yellow 'I'



Miss Oh No 'O'



U-Hoo 'U'



Cool Blue 'OO'



Brown Owl 'OW'



Silent Ghosts



Tricky Witch



Black Cat