**Phonics activities.**

**Ideas for short home based activities.**

**Please cut the phonics mat into sound cards.**

1. **Phonics flash cards** – set a 1 minute timer. Choose a selection of flash cards. Show your child one card at a time, asking them to make the sound they can see. How many of the sounds can you correctly recognise in 1 minute.
2. **Pick a sound** – turn the cards face down. Ask your child to pick a card. How many words can you think of that contain this spelling of the sound e.g. pick up ai – rain, pain, stain, drain etc. Write the words down as a mind map around the card.
3. **Silly sentences** – ask your child to pick a card. Look at the picture and say what it is, sound to out and verbally spell it. Can your child put this word into a sentence (it can be silly e.g. the goat went on holiday in a boat). Ask your child to write the sentence (focus on the correct spelling of the key words, use of full stops and capital letters).
4. **Banister run** – Blue-tac a selection of the sound cards in a row (up a set of banisters is a good way of doing it). Ask your child to touch each card as they pass it and say the appropriate sound.
5. **What’s in the box** – Place a selection of sound cards in a non-see through box. Ask your child to pick a card. Say the sound. Set a timer. How many words using this sound can your child write in a minute.