

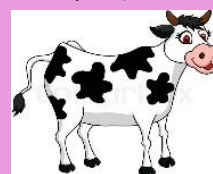
7<sup>th</sup> January 2022!!



Can we begin the year with great big thank you for all of the kind and generous gifts we received over the Christmas period, whilst not necessary, it was all very much appreciated. Thank you all so much x

## Joke of the week:

What is a cow's favourite time of year?



Moooo Year's Eve!!!

## Next week we will be:

Writing the letters in our name and exploring our sound of the week:

c for:



caterpillar cake cat carrot

## Challenge time:

How many other things can you spot at home over the weekend that start with c..?



## Spotlight on sounds:

As we continue to develop good strong reading foundations with our phonics for the Badgers, we have begun to target

**oral segmenting and blending skills:**

*"But what are oral segmenting and blending skills, and why are they important?" (I hear you cry...!)*

It is segmenting a word into separate phonemes and then immediately blending the sounds together to say the word, as much as possible in real situations.

## It's time to get your h-a-t, hat!

(But... only use single syllable words for oral blending, otherwise it gets REALLY complicated!!) Children are then in a great position when they start writing - because they can hear all the different sounds that make up a single word.