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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

One of the many ways I aim to help your child with reading, spelling and writing is through an increased exposure and practise of key words. Some of these are 'tricky' words and cannot be phonetically sounded out or spelt. The children know to say, "don't let it trick you" when we practise these words.

I have, therefore, made tricky word book marks for your child to take home and use with their reading books. It would be beneficial if you could spend a few minutes each day asking your child to read the words on their book marks and then, if possible, spell them back to you. Once they are competent with this, you could then use the book marks to read the tricky words in context to your child and ask them to write the words correctly. Once we are satisfied your child is secure with these words, they can be moved on to a new set.

Please keep the book mark in your child's book bag, along with their reading book. It really helps us to see how the children are getting on with reading at home, so please do not forget to write down what, and how much, your child has read at home each day in the purple reading record book.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many thanks
Mr Davis