

# Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Phonics Activity

After joining in with today's phonics video, we would like you to write some words using the new phoneme that we have learnt today **'ai.'**

You will need a whiteboard pen and whiteboard or pen and paper to do this activity. These are the words that we would like you to write;

**rain, sail, tail, wait, pain**

Remember that they all have the same digraph in them **'ai'**. Can you think of any other words that say **'ai.'** *(if your child says a word like **whale** or **same**, congratulate them for thinking of the word and tell them that it does sound the same but that it is spelt differently – they don't need to know why (yet!) unless they ask of course! Here is a BBC bitesize clip to help with the 'ai' sound.*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm/articles/z4xsxyc>

## Daily Learning Activity

Today we are learning how to write the letter **'j.'**

Here is the way we write it;



***“Start at the top, come all the way down and curve to the left. Lift and dot.”***

Here are some questions to ask your child when they are practising.

Where does the letter start?

Is it a short letter? (a, c, e, i, m, n, o, r, s, u, v, w, x, z)

Does it have an ascender? (b, d, f, h, k, l, t) Does it have a descender? (f, g, j, p, q, y)

Before practising on paper, try writing the letter in some flour, sand or rice or shaving foam. This will help your child to remember how the letter is formed.



## Maths Activity

**This week, our maths activities are based around numbers up to 5. We are focusing on the fact that a numeral can be made up of smaller numbers. Once you have joined in with the activities on the video, try the following activities together:**

Make some towers (up to 5) with cubes or pebbles, or anything that can be stacked together.

When your child is building the towers you could ask questions such as, 'Who can make the tallest tower?' 'How many cubes are in each tower?' 'Does your tower have more or less than mine?'



