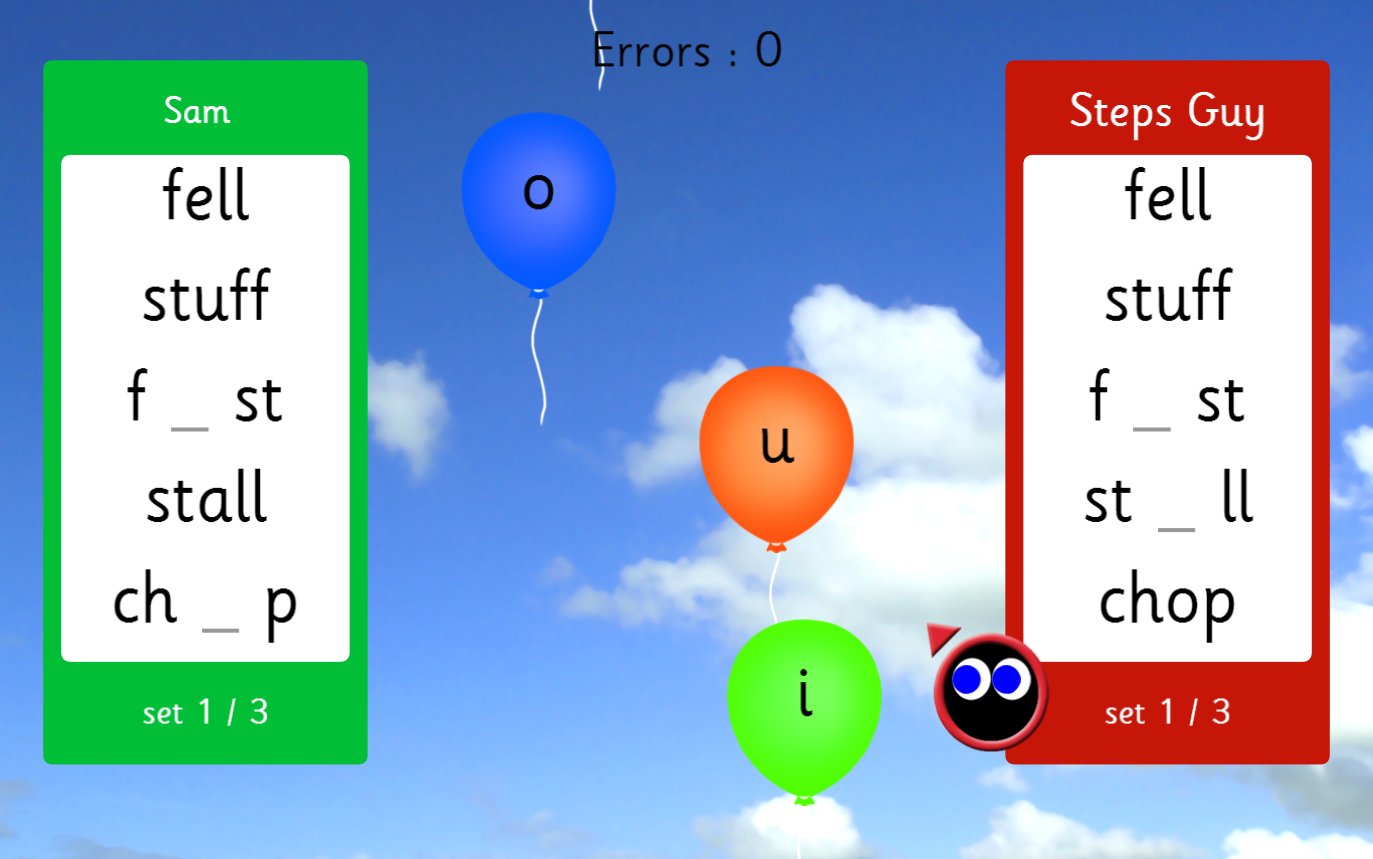
**Holiday practice – StepsWeb**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As you’re probably aware, your child is currently on the **StepsWeb** programme at school. Because it’s an online programme, your child can access it from home. The programme can be used on a computer or laptop, but also on an iPad or other device. This makes StepsWeb an ideal programme for holiday practice!

We do think that holidays need to be holidays – all children need a proper break! However, we find that children who have been struggling to make progress with literacy often fall back significantly over the summer break. Typically it often takes ½ to 1 term for us to get them back to where they finished the previous year!

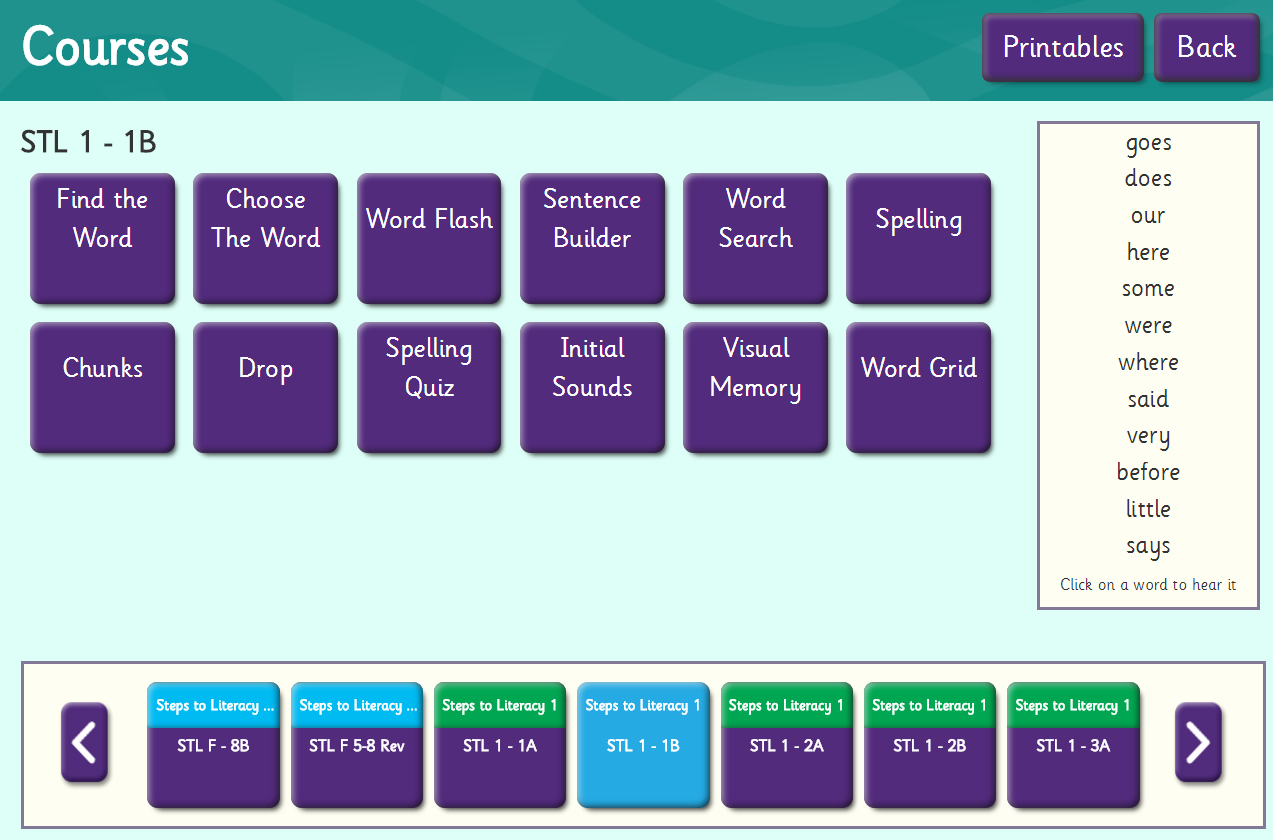
For this reason, we recommend doing a little bit of practice over the summer break. It doesn’t have to be every single week, but we’d recommend aiming for around 2 half-hour sessions per week for most of the holidays. Even this amount is enough to stop most children falling behind again.

**Things you need to know**

You need to go to [www.stepsweb.com](http://www.stepsweb.com) to access the programme. Your child’s login details are:

Username: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**This is what we’d like you to do**

* Don’t go any further ahead on Continue Course (Red button) – that could cause problems for next year.
* However, on the Course, your child can go back several units and can upgrade bronze or silver medals to gold. This is excellent reinforcement! Just click on the buttom before the blue one (see image) to go back to previous units.
* Go to Homework. We have set some lists which will directly reinforce your child’s learning. Make sure your child does each activity in the order specified (work through from left to right). You might want to give a little reward for each gold medal!

***Have fun!***

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