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Primary – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check



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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the national curriculum, all Year 1 children will take part in the Phonics Screening Check in June. This is a short and straightforward assessment that helps us confirm whether children have learned to decode words using their phonics knowledge to the expected standard.

During the check, your child will be asked to read a mixture of real words and 'nonsense' (or alien) words. These nonsense words are an important part of the assessment, as they show how confidently children can apply their phonics skills rather than relying on memory. The check is carried out one-to-one in a calm, relaxed setting to help every child feel comfortable and confident.

To support your child's preparation, we will continue to deliver daily phonics lessons and provide regular opportunities to practise both in school and at home. Reading frequently with their school phonics book is one of the most effective ways to help your child reach the expected standard. You may also have noticed your child bringing home a 'sound' sticker and additional resources to practise, these are designed to help them feel ready for the screening.

For more information, please see the attached leaflet, which explains the screening process in greater detail. If you have any questions or feel your child may benefit from additional support, please contact your child's teacher via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to help your child thrive on their reading journey.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Petch
Literacy Lead