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Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, all children in Year 1 have to sit a phonics screening check which is designed to confirm whether children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will help to identify pupils who need additional support at this stage, so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill. The tests are carried out on a one-to-one basis by your child's class teacher and can be observed by The Standards and Testing Agency. The results of the tests are submitted to the Local Authority and once we have been informed whether your child has met or not met the expected standard, this will be conveyed to you on your child's End of Year report.

Children normally have to achieve at least 32/40 to achieve the expected level. Anyone who does not meet the expected standard will have another opportunity to re-sit the test in Year 2.

The check must be administered between **Monday 8th June and Friday 12th June** so please ensure that your child is in school during this period.

In school, we are doing lots to prepare the children and they have had opportunities to practise some past tests in similar situations. Every Friday until the check, your child will bring home a list of words to practise reading which are similar to the words that will appear in the screening. Please encourage your child to blend the words to read ensuring that those that have an alien at the side are read as nonsense words.

We will also be holding a phonics screening briefing for parents where we will discuss the check further and show you ways to support your child at home. If you wish to attend, then please sign up to one of the below sessions via this link:

[Year 1 Phonics screening check meeting - Reserve Your Seats – Fill in form](#)

Friday 1st May – 8:45am to 9:30am

Friday 1st May - 2:30pm to 3:10pm

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the KS1 team.

Thank you for your support.



Leanne Pearson
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