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Dear Year 1 Families,

Re: Phonics Screening Check

During the week commencing **Monday June 8th**, children in Year 1 will be sitting the Department for Education's *Phonics Screening Check*. The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England to check their reading progress. The test will also be completed by Year 2 children who did not successfully pass the check last year.

During the *Phonics Screening Check*, children are asked to read 40 words. The words are a combination of real words and 'alien' words. 'Alien' words are not real, but can be decoded phonetically and are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just relying on their memory of words they've read before. Your child will sit the test one-to-one with a teacher that they know, and they will be encouraged to take their time. The pass rate for the *Phonics Screening Check* has been 32 out of 40 and above in previous years.

The check is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics, and will identify whether they need additional support. You will receive your child's result in their report.

You can continue to support your child by reading with them daily and encouraging them to use their sounds to read new words. **Please set aside time each day to use the QR codes** that have been shared with you. These will allow your child to watch videos to practise reading a range of words and review different sounds.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Matt Trahair
Headteacher

