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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

As you will be aware, all Year 1 pupils in England take the phonics screening check during the summer term. During the week beginning Monday 9th June, the children will complete Phonics Screening Check, which will be administered in school by the Year 1 staff. The children have been preparing for this since starting school in the Reception Class and have had lots of opportunities to familiarise with the delivery of the check.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5-10 minutes. Some words are real words, and others are nonsense, or 'alien' words, that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before. The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support

The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We will let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

When will it be happening?

Year 1 pupils will complete The Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 9th June 2025.

Do we get to know the results?

We will let you know the results as part of your child's end of year report during the summer term. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year. It's normally nothing to worry about. The results don't count towards any league tables.

Phonics Screening Check Parental Workshop

We would like to invite you to a parent workshop on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 2.30pm, where Mr Davis-Powell will talk through the Phonics Screening Check in more detail, and share some of the materials used in previous checks, so that you can see what they look like. Please confirm your attendance, via the Gateway app.

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the phonics screening check, please contact myself, or Mrs Scragg via the school office or on the door and will be happy to support you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Davis-Powell
Deputy Headteacher