

Wednesday 24th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Phonics Screening Check

As you may be aware, towards the end of Year 1 children and some children in Year 2 who did not pass in Year 1 will undertake a Phonic Screening Check (PSC). It is a statutory assessment that assesses whether children have learnt the sounds expected within Year 1 and Reception. There is nothing specific we ask parents to do at home, apart from keep up the daily reading practice with your child. If your child needs more time and isn't ready to pass the Phonic Screening Check, they will keep practicing their phonics and reading and re-take it in Year 2.

What we would like you to know is that during the Summer Term, and only during this term, children are given practice reading 'alien' or 'pseudo' words. These words are not real words but they are used in the Phonic Screening Check to help assess children's phonic knowledge. Please find an example attached of some of the 'alien' words and the decodable children will need to read.

We will tell you about your child's progress in phonics and how he or she has done in the screening check as part of the end of year report. If your child has found the check difficult, we will also tell you what support we have put in place to help him or her improve. You might like to ask your child's class teacher how you can support your child to take the next step in reading. All children are individuals and develop at different rates. The screening check ensures that teachers understand which children need extra help with phonic decoding.

Please remember to keep reading with your child daily as this is the best way to support them; we want them to be great readers of real words and enjoy real books!

Thanks for your continued support.

With best wishes



Miss Mapp
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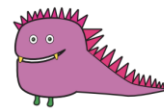
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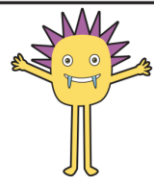
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