

Wednesday 12th May 2022

Dear families,

Year 1 Phonics Screening

During the week beginning Monday 6th June 2022, your child will sit the Year 1 Phonics screening. This is a National set screening that all Year 1 children across the country will take part in. It is a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

The screening is made up of 40 words that the children are asked to read to an adult (this will either be myself or someone that is familiar to them). 20 of these words are pseudo words meaning they are made up. The children know these as alien words. The other 20 consist of 'real' words taken from the English language. Although we refer to these as real words when teaching the children phonics, we are careful to remind them that they may not necessarily be a word they know yet so it might not seem 'real' to them.

On Friday 20th May at 2:30pm I will be holding an information session further outlining the phonics screening check, as well as the things that you can do at home to support your child in preparation for it. I will also cover how you can support your child to develop their reading skills too. Please can you complete the return slip to us ASAP to confirm your place.

Many thanks
Mrs Monk
Phonics and Early Reading Leader

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☐ I/we **will** be attending the phonics information session on Friday 20th May at 2:30pm.

☐ I/we **will not** be attending the phonics information session on Friday 20th May at 2:30pm.

Name _____

Name of child _____

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