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Dear Year 1 Families,

Re: Year 1 Phonics Testing

As you may be aware, all primary schools in England and Wales are required to carry out a Year 1 Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 10th June.

The test will involve a short, simple screening check to make sure that all pupils have grasped fundamental phonics knowledge and skills before leaving Year 1. During the assessment, children will be asked to read 40 decodable words, half real words and half nonsense words. There is a picture of an alien by each nonsense word to remind the children that it is not a real word. The children sit the test with an adult they know well and may take a rest break if needed. The children are encouraged to sound out each word, and then blend the sounds together to read the word. The test will last no longer than a few minutes.

To help prepare the children for the check, and to help develop their reading fluency, the children will have weekly phonics practice sheet in their homework books.

To provide you with further information about the phonics screening check, I would like to invite you to a Year 1 reading coffee morning on Monday 4th March. Until then, if you have any further questions regarding the phonics screening check, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Cassey Williams

Assistant Headteacher