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Year 1 Phonics Screening

Dear Parents

You may be aware that Year 1 children sit a Phonics Screening Check in June. The format of the test is that children will read a list of 40 words. These words are a mixture of real and ‘nonsense’ words, all of which are phonetic and can be sounded out. The ‘nonsense’ words are easily identifiable because they have a picture of a cartoon monster beside the word.

Obviously the last thing we want is for you, or your child, to be worrying about the Phonics check. The test will take place in a very informal way with your child reading their list of words to a familiar adult – most likely Miss Dove, Mrs Metcalfe or myself. They have had lots of opportunity to practise in their daily phonics lesson and have been working very hard.

You will find that your child brings home a pack of flashcards. Please could you help your child to revise these sounds. This only needs to be a task that lasts two or three minutes each day – just quickly run through each sound asking your child to tell you the sound that is on the card. The cards are also really useful because you can remove the sounds from the treasury tag and use them to form words for your child to read. This is excellent preparation for the Phonics Screening, especially if you include some of the nonsense words as well as familiar words.

On Thursday 3rd May, 2018 at 3.00 pm, Miss Dove would like to invite you into school to a Phonics Talk where she will explain the format of the Screening Check and how you can best support your child at home. I really hope you are able to attend. This meeting will begin at 3.00 pm and will be finished before the end of school at 3.30pm.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Robinson
Class Teacher

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