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Dear Parents/Carers,

All year 1 children across the country take part in a reading assessment in the Summer term. This is called the 'Phonics screening check'. During this assessment, children are asked to read 40 words which contain various sounds they have learnt throughout the year. They are expected to sound out each word, as they would in their phonics lessons, and read the word.

This assessment forms *part* of your child's end of year attainment. Teacher judgement is also used. We want all children to pass the check and therefore practise reading skills throughout the day, for the entire year. This includes morning phonics lessons, afternoon phonics lessons and pinny time (where we flash through sounds the children know). During the year your child will take part in several practises of the Phonics Screening Check to get them familiar with how the assessment runs. These practise assessments also help us to look at what next steps we need to put into place for each child to support them in passing. One of these practise assessments will take place shortly, so you may hear your child talking about this at home.

You can support your child to pass the check by reading regularly with your child at home. Use their phonics books that are sent home weekly as a basis for this. The pages where the story green words are listed are particularly useful for asking your child to sound out and then read the word. You can also ensure they are completing their weekly phonics homework by watching the videos sent to them on Seesaw.

If your child does not pass the screening check in year 1 they will take it again the following year. Information gathered from the assessment will be used to support your child with their reading in school. This information will be shared with you on your child's end of year report.

If you have any questions please do speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards

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