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Dear Year 1 Families,

RE: Phonics Screening Check

Every year in June children in Year 1 sit the Phonics Screening Check throughout England. During the Phonics Screening Check, children are asked to read 40 words. The words are a combination of real words and 'alien' words. 'Alien' words are not real but can be decoded phonetically and they are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just relying on their memory of words they've read before.

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Your child will sit the test with a teacher that they know, and they will be encouraged to take their time. The pass rate for the Phonics Screen Check is 32 and above.

If you would like to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check and pick up some tips on how to support your child at home, please come to our information session on **Tuesday 26th March at 9.00am**. I look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes,



Megan Townend
Assistant Headteacher