Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware that all of our Yr1 children will be taking the Phonics Screening Check in June.

All Children in England will take this phonics-based check at the end of Yr1; the results will be used to determine how well children are performing in reading.

These checks are important to us as they help us to track the pupils’ progress accurately and allow us to fully identify any child who is not yet fluently reading by the end of Yr1.

We allow the children every opportunity to prepare for this phonics test, by making them aware of the format, by allowing them to practice independently and in a whole class and by providing them with sound phonics teaching through their normal day-to-day lessons and learning experiences.

**What will the phonics check be like?**

The check will be a 10 minute progress check to help identify children who have not yet learnt to read fluently. Teachers will run the tests. The test will include real and nonsense (alien) words to help ensure children have not merely memorised words. The words will be presented to children on a one-to-one basis.

There will be 40 words in the screening check which will test their ability to sound out and break down words. They must sound out the word correctly to be given a mark.

Please use the resources on the website to help prepare your child for this test. The Yr1 teacher will also send home some practice tests for you to do as homework with your child in the weeks leading up to the test.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Roberts
Headteacher