

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### Year 1 phonics screening

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to further inform you about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check that all Year 1 pupils in England will complete. In the week beginning Monday 12th June, the children will be given a Phonics Screening Check, which will be administered, in school, by Mrs Bradbury. The children have been preparing for this since starting school in Reception and they have had lots of opportunities to familiarise with the delivery of the check.

#### What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The check is made of 40 words, and usually lasts 5-10 minutes. Some words are real words, and others are nonsense, or 'alien' words that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they have not seen before. The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support

#### When will it be happening?

Year 1 pupils will complete the Phonics Screening Check during the week of Monday 12th June 2023.

#### Do we get to know the results?

Your child's phonics screening attainment will be shared with you in the final school report of the summer term. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they will get to have another go next year and we will continue to support them in progressing with the decoding of words.

#### How can I help my child?

Your child will be best supported with you through reading. Please listen to your child read their Read Write Inc book regularly. Sharing the enjoyment of other books, especially through bedtime stories, will also help your child. Playing sound and reading games will also help your child: decoding words on road signs, posters in shop windows and playing games like guess the word. Every Friday, your child should also be bringing home a 'Words to practise reading' sheet – please work with your child to complete this each week.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Furner, Miss Gilbert, Mrs Bradbury or myself.

Kind regards,

Mrs G.Sherwin

*Head of School*

