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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Phonics Screening Check**

In June, Year 1 children will take part in a statutory phonics screening check. Year 2 children who did not meet the threshold standard last year will also retake the screening. The check takes place during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The check is very similar to tasks the children have already completed during phonics lessons. The purpose of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.

### **What does the Phonics Screen look like?**

The check consists of 40 real words and pseudo words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with their class teacher. Pseudo (made up words, or nonsense words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules that your child has been taught, but don't mean anything – your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please speak to a member of the leadership team.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Zoe Crosland  
Headteacher