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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

We would like to inform you of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. All Year 1 pupils in England take the phonics screening check. It is administered in school by Miss Tailford, Reading Lead. The children will have been preparing for this since starting school in Reception and will have lots of opportunities to become familiar with the delivery of the check before they take it.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The check is made up 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 haven't 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 beginning Monday 10th June 2024. ***Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that you do not book any holidays during this time.***

Do we get to know the results?

We have to report the results to the Local Authority by the end of the school year. We'll also let you know the results as part of your child's end of year report. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year. It's normally nothing to worry about.

Do we need to prepare at home?

No – your child is being taught phonics at school and no special work at home is needed. However, you can always help your child by:

- Reading to, and with them, and supporting them with their phonics homework
- Playing sound and reading games
- Teaching them new words and showing them how they're written

Please speak to a member of the Year 1 team if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Miss K Tailford

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Reading Lead

