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Dear Parents,

Nationally all pupils in Year 1 are required to sit the statutory Phonics Screening Check in the week beginning 10 June 2019.

The Year 1 phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

The screen involves pupils reading a list of 40 words with a teacher that contain the sounds taught within the Year 1 curriculum. The words are a combination of both real and made up, non-words which rely purely on using phonics to decode.

You will receive information about your child's progress in phonics and how he or she has performed in the screening check as part of the end of year report. All children are individuals and develop at different rates. The screening check ensures that teachers understand which children need extra help with phonic decoding. If your child does not reach the required level, they will be re-screened in Year 2.

You are invited to attend our Year 1 parent's phonics screen information meeting where I will explain in more detail the process of the screen and ways that you can support your child at home.

Parents Phonic Screen Meeting

Wednesday 24 April 2019 3.15 – 3.45

If you have any questions or concerns about the phonics screen or your child's phonics progress, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Carlin.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bickle

