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Dear parent/ carer,

I am writing to inform you about the National Phonics Screening Test which will take place in Key Stage 1 during the week beginning 6th June. The phonics screening check will take place on a one to one basis with an adult that they are familiar with. Children in Year 1 will take the Phonics Screening Test. If they do not meet the required pass mark, they will retake this test in Year 2.

If there is a reason why your child will not participate in the phonics screening, your class teacher will discuss this with you. Please note, this is only done in exceptional circumstances and your child would still be eligible to take the retake when they are in Year 2.

The Phonics Screening is made up of 40 words. Some of them are real and some of them are made up words. Your child will be told during the check which words are nonsense words. Your child will be familiar with this because we already use 'nonsense-words' in school. Nonsense-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

You will be informed about how your child has done as part of their 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.

Ways you can support your child

- ❖ Read at least 3 times a week at home with your child
- ❖ Play reading games
 - <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/helpAHedgehog/index.html>
 - <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/spookySounds/index.html>
 - <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/viking/index.html>
- ❖ Practise past paper
 - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/809986/2019_phonics_pupils_materials_standard.pdf
 - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/715823/2018_phonics_pupils_materials_standard.pdf.pdf

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or the class teacher

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