



Monday 2nd November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

Due to Covid-19 and lockdown, primary schools nationally were unable to administer the statutory Year 1 Phonic Screening check as usual in June.

The Government has decided that primary schools must administer the Phonics Screening Check to all Year 2 children in the second half of the Autumn Term of this new academic year.

This has given us plenty of time to refresh the children's phonics learning which was taught in Year 1 so that they are as prepared as possible for the check. If any children do not pass the screening check, they will take it again in the summer term. This is in line with usual practice, whereby any child who does not pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 retakes the screening check in Year 2.

We have created a 'phonics screening bundle' which includes a help sheet with key information and a practice test for you to have a go at, at home. One way you can support your child at home is by making it fun, playing phonics games. We recommend www.phonicsplay.co.uk - under the resources tab you can choose free games to play and www.ictgames.com - English games tab, lots of free games. There is also a link to the Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics website which details how we pronounce each sound with videos to support you at home.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Please also remember the best way you can support your child with their learning and in preparation for this screening check is to hear them read every day.

If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening Check then do please ask.

Yours faithfully,

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