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Dear Parents/Carers,

All children in Year 1 are required to complete the statutory 'Phonics Screening Check' which your child will be completing in June. The check is designed to support teachers assessing whether children have made expected progress within their phonics learning and it helps identify gaps in children's phonics knowledge where extra support may be required.

The Phonics Screening Check is designed not to be stressful for your child. They will read 40 words: some of these words are real words and some are 'nonsense words'. Your child will complete the check working one to one with their teacher. We practise reading real and nonsense words as part of our daily phonics lessons so your child will be familiar with the structure and routine. In fact, it is likely your child will not realise they are completing the Phonics Screening Check at all.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child by hearing them read regularly at home. For term 5 only, we are going to send home an additional selection of resources that you could use at home to practise identifying the sounds and reading words similar to those that will be in the Phonics Screening Check.

We've included lists of 'real and nonsense words', games and activities that your child may enjoy completing at home. Your child may also enjoy a selection of free online 'Phase 5' games that can be accessed by following this link - <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-5> There is no expectation that these activities are returned to school completed. You may wish to record these in your child's planner and they'll count towards earning a Fiver.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support,

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