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Dear parent/carers,

As previously mentioned at Parents Evening, throughout the week beginning 10th June 2024, the children in Year 1 will be sitting a Phonics Screening Assessment. The Screening is a statutory assessment that all Year 1 children across the country will be participating in.

The Phonics Screening Assessment is a reading assessment in which a series of 40 words will be shown to the children to read. Half of these words will be 'real' words and the other half will be 'pretend' words and this is designed to really challenge and check the children's understanding of the phonics sounds. The children will be shown words in a list and they will be asked to read them one at a time. In previous years the pass mark for the assessment has been around 32/40 words (80%) but this can change. Any children who do not meet this mark in the assessment will be added to Fast Track Phonics in Year 2 and they will repeat the assessment again next year.

We have been putting lots of time into preparing for the assessment in school and have been reading wherever possible in the day. I will be sending packs home today in order for the children to further develop their reading at home as this will be really important for the children. In order to help your children prepare for this assessment I would ask that you read with the children as much as possible, work on sound recognition from the sound mats (these are in the phonics packs) and the read all of the real and nonsense words in the phonics packs. If you would like to look through the past assessments, you can find these on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2023-materials> .

If you have any questions or queries about the assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Year 1 email or speak to me on the door at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Fogarty

Year 1 Class Teacher

Roots to grow...wings to fly.