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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 1 children will be completing a phonics screening check during the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> June**. In this check the children are given a list of 'real' words and 'alien words' (made up words) that they need to sound out and blend correctly. This is nothing to worry about as the children learn everything they need to within their phonics sessions at school and this learning is also reflected in their class work when spelling out words and reading in other lessons. However, to give further support to our children so they can be as successful as possible in this screening check, I will be sending out today a pack with activities your child can complete over the next term, which will get them ready for the skills they will need to use in the check. These should be fun, engaging and used as a recap and practicing tool to reflect what we are doing at school. 5 minutes a day on a range of these activities would be very beneficial for them.

The phonics screening check is carried out to see the progress the children have made throughout the Reception and Year 1 years at school and for the school to analyse their own performance in how they deliver phonics lessons. Parents will find out by the end of the Summer Term their child's results and if they do not achieve the expected level to pass the check, they can retake the test again in Year 2.

Inside this pack I have given a handy information sheet on what to expect and what the check is, activities around saying real and nonsense or alien words and also a booklet with all their set 2 and 3 sounds. Go through the sounds quickly with your child and if they have forgotten one or need extra support, the picture is there to remind them. This should be used daily as a quick recap, similar to what we do in our lesson time.

To add to the activities the children can do, to practice their reading of real and alien words, I have been sending home a different sheet of words to practice each week along with their spelling and maths homework, on a Friday. This is a sheet of paper with real and nonsense words. Feel free to tick whether they could or couldn't read the words and keep these so you have a record of how they are getting home at home.

Please see a member of the Year 1 team if you have any questions or concerns at all about this.

Yours sincerely

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Year 1 Class Teacher

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher

