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Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 1 Phonics Screening

The Year 1 phonics screening test is approaching in mid-June, so the Year 1 team have put together a few things for parents who would like to support their child in the run up to this at home. Therefore we have attached two sheets. The first contains the Phase 2,3 and 5 sounds, and highlighted in green are the sounds that your child either does not yet know or may just need a bit more practise with.

The phase 4 sounds are not a single unit of sound but are common sounds that are often used together. We have also attached word lists from previous phonics screeners, which give examples of words involving these sounds.

The screening test requires your child to read both real and nonsense words in order to show they can apply the sounds that they have been taught. Therefore if you would like to practice reading nonsense words, simply take a real word and change a letter or two!

E.g. home → hote  
play → spay  
trusting → fusting

Finally to reassure you, we do not refer to the test as a 'test' to the children and they are not set under intimidating or pressurised test conditions. The children spend one-to-one time with the teachers simply reading a list of words.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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