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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 Phonics Screener

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. We have attached two sheets to support you with this.

The first is a copy of the Phase 3, 4 and 5 sound mats. These contain all of the sounds that we have covered in school and the sounds that they will be tested on in the screener. There is a picture with each sound to help the children to learn the sound it makes, as sometimes the same letter combinations can be pronounced in different ways.

Eg: ue → glue (makes an 'oo' sound)
ue → queue (makes a 'you' sound)

We have also attached word lists from previous phonics screeners, which give examples of words involving sounds from Phases 3, 4 and 5.

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 practise reading nonsense words, simply take a real word and change a letter or two!

E.g. home → hote
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 will spend 1:1 time with the teachers simply reading a list of words.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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