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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 1 Phonics Screening

The Year 1 phonics screening test is approaching in mid-June and several parents have already approached me about how they can support their child in the run up to the screening. The two attached sheets are to help your child prepare for test.

The first contains the phase 3 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. Also, I have attached word lists from phase 5, which gives 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!

For example:

home	→	hote
play	→	spay
trusting	→	fusting

Finally, to reassure you, we do not refer to the screening as a 'test' to the children and they are not set under intimidating or pressurised test conditions. The children simply spend 1 to 1 time with me reading a list of words.

Thanks for your support.

Kind regards,

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Year 1 Teacher



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