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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check. All schools are required to complete this with all children in Year 1. The screening will take place in week beginning Monday 8th June 2026 and will be administered by Miss Riman/Mrs Taylor. We approach this task sensitively and work positively with the children. The children are asked to read 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words (non-words). The pseudo words are included because children can't read them using their memory or vocabulary so they have to use their phonic decoding skills. The children often complete activities in school using pseudo words so this approach is not new to them.

Each week I will also be sending home some flashcards with both real and pseudo words on for you to practise with your child. Please do not encourage them to memorise these as the idea is for them to practise using their blending skills. There is a helpful video below which will provide more information regarding this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XtDTwfjXM4>

Thank you for your support to the school and please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Bosley if you need any further information or reassurance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Taylor (Phonics Lead) and the Year 1 Team

