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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the Phonics Screening Check fast approaching, we are sending home some more information and some practise for you and your children to do together at home.

What is the Year 1 phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England in June. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics

What is in the phonics screening check?

There are two sections in this 40-word check and it assesses phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. Your child will read up to four words per page for their teacher and they will probably do the check in one sitting of about 5-10 minutes. These words will be a mixture of real and fake words.

Helping at home

Each fortnight you will receive a past paper to use at home. Children are expected to sound out the words to read them aloud without any help during the test but please ensure you create an opportunity to help them with any mistakes in order to develop their learning. Fake words are signified by aliens. Please ensure that children use their phonics knowledge to sound them out rather than attempt to pronounce them as a familiar word.

You could also:

- Read every day! This doesn't have to be for long, a few pages a day is perfect. Don't forget to make a little note of it in your child's reading record.
- Read and pick out sounds from signs, posters, leaflets etc. you see when out and about.

Websites to check out

- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/boost-phonics-confidence>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/phonics-made-easy/>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics>

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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