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Dear Parents

One of the most important skills that a child can gain in life is the ability to read. It opens doors for each child and is vital in helping them to access the curriculum in all subject areas. Therefore this year is crucial for building the foundations that will affect your child throughout their life.

This June, your child will be sitting a compulsory phonics test set by the government.

To ensure that you are fully informed about what will be expected of your child in June, we would like to invite you to a Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting. This will take place on Thursday 6th February at 2.15pm.

This meeting will give you an insight into exactly what you can do at home with your child to help them and also give you tips and ideas, to not only help your child to learn to read, but to help to give them a passion for reading. Also, it will explain exactly what is expected of your child in the Phonics Screening Check.

A high reading ability takes a lot of practice and is found to be more successful when there is parental engagement. Last year we had 96% of all Year 1 children achieving the pass rate. This was due to parental engagement and a tight partnership. Working together, we were able to combine strengths and understandings and to learn alongside each other.

Although phonics is a huge daily focus at school, input from home can be a real key to the success for a child's reading. Parents and carers can really help! We really look forward to being able to work with you to make sure every child has the chance to achieve their greatest potential in reading.

Yours sincerely



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