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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 Parent Information Session

We are writing to let you know about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in school during the summer term.

The Phonics Screening Check is a short, informal assessment that all Year 1 children in England complete. It checks how well children can use their phonics knowledge to read words by sounding them out. The check includes a mix of real words and 'nonsense' (alien) words, which helps us see how children apply their phonics skills rather than relying on memory.

The check is completed one-to-one with a familiar adult and usually takes around 5–10 minutes. Children are encouraged to try their best and it is carried out in a relaxed and supportive way. We make every effort to ensure children feel confident and comfortable.

Parent Information Session

We will be holding a parent phonics information session on Wednesday 25th February after school at 3.30pm, where we will explain the Phonics Screening Check in more detail and share practical ways you can support your child at home. We would encourage parents and carers to attend if possible.

Please email the office if you would like to join us, in order to get a rough idea of how many people to expect. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dowson and Mrs Chotai
Year 1 Class Teachers

