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17th April 2023

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware towards the end of Year 1 children undertake a Phonic Screening Check (PSC). It is a statutory assessment that assesses whether children have learnt the sounds expected within Year 1 and Reception. There is nothing specific we ask parents to do at home, apart from keep up the daily reading practice with your child. If your child needs more time and isn't ready to pass the Phonic Screening Check, they will keep practising their phonics and reading and re-take it in Year 2.

What we would like you to know is that during the Summer Term, and only during this term, children are given practice reading 'alien' or 'pseudo' words. These words are not real words but they are used in the Phonic Screening Check to help assess children's phonic knowledge.

Please take a few minutes to watch the short video from Little Wandle explaining what and why these words are taught in the Summer Term of Year 1. Please click on the link below: [For parents - Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk). The video is under **'How we teach' A quick guide to alien words.**

Please remember to keep reading with your child daily as this is the best way to support them; we want them to be great readers of real words and enjoy real books!

Thanks for your continued support.

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