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Phonics Screening Check 2020/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you were informed at the start of this academic year, children will be sitting their delayed Year 1 phonics screening check this half term. This assessment is nothing for you, or your child, to worry about. It is just a way for us to gauge where your child is in terms of their phonic knowledge, and identify how we can best support them in their learning. The check contains 40 words. Each child will sit one to one with a teacher, who they are already familiar with, and read each word aloud. They will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. The check will take approximately 10-15 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

Resources

In this pack, I have included some resources that focus on the phase 5 sounds. These sheets are a mixture of real and nonsense (pseudo) words. Children need to:

- Put sound buttons on each word. This will help them identify the individual sounds and in turn, read the full word.
- Colour the real words one colour and the nonsense (pseudo) words a different colour.

Included in this pack, there is also a 'mock' phonics screening check. One page of real words and another of nonsense words. You can go through this practice check with your child, with them sounding out and reading each word. It may be useful for them to put sound buttons on each word.

All these resources have also been added to the school website, on the Year 2 class page. A PowerPoint presentation has also been uploaded to the page which gives information about the check and phonics in general.

We have also opened up our access on www.phonicsplay.co.uk for children to use. This site has some great games for children to consolidate their phonic knowledge. Username: stjoseph Password: stjoseph

We do not expect children to bring these sheets back into school. The resources are to be used at home alongside any reading, as you see fit. If you have any queries about these resources, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office. As you know, face to face contact between parents/carers and staff is being kept to a minimum at this time. However, I am more than happy to help and discuss any queries or concerns via telephone.

Kind regards,

Mr. L. Haveron
Year 2 Class Teacher

