



24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Phonics Screening Checks – Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

During the week of 10<sup>th</sup> June children from across the country will be completing a test of their ability to use phonics to read. All children from Year 1 will complete the test along with those children in Year 2 who fell short of the required standard when tested last year.

At Haytor View this will see your child being led through a test individually and in comfortable, familiar surroundings – it will take around 10 minutes and be led by Miss Butler.

The Key Stage 1 team have been working closely with your child to develop their phonic awareness this year and are keen, as you will be, to see them achieving their potential in this test.

The test itself sees children being asked to read a selection of real and non-real ('alien') words that they can use their phonic skills to access. Later in the year you will hear whether your child has achieved the expected level appropriate for their age – we do not have an awareness of this level at the time the test is taken.

There are some activities that you can be doing to support your child in the run up to this test, and particularly during the half term break to keep their phonics 'ticking over'.

At the bottom of this letter is a support sheet providing some information about how you can be helping your child – no resources beyond this will be needed. You may also find your child bringing home phonic activities that they can explain and share with you over the half term.

Thank-you for the ongoing support that you provide to your child in relation to their reading. We would emphasise that the test itself is not 'high profile' in your children's minds as we do not feel that this would be supportive of them as we approach the test – please do not feel the need to discuss the test with your child.

Should you have any questions regarding the test or the attached support sheet, please do not hesitate to speak with us.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Butler  
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