



22nd May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Phonics Screening Checks – Week beginning 12th June 2023

During the week of 12th June children from across the country will be taking part in a Phonic Screening Check of their ability to use phonics to read. This will include those children in Year 2 who did not pass the phonic screening last year so they have another chance to succeed.

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 Cameron. 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'.

Reading Monster Phonic books will also provide your child with valuable experiences allowing them to use their phonic knowledge, as all of these books are closely linked to your child's level of phonic awareness. Should you require any support accessing these books please get in touch with Mr Franklin.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Franklin
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