



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Year 2 Phonics Screening Check**

In the summer term, all Year 1 pupils are required to take a statutory assessment to check their phonetic knowledge against the expected standard for their age group. This is carried out on a one-to-one basis using the Phonic Screening Check, which consists of a mixture of 40 words; some real words and some made-up words. All the words are phonetically decodable. (No tricky words are included). However, due to impact caused by coronavirus pandemic, the children in Year 1 last year were unable to take their screening check. The government have advised that the current Year 2 children take the screening check during the second half of the autumn term.

In Kings Forest, we have decided to administer the Phonics Screening Check between 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. Any pupil who does not meet the expected standard yet will sit the screening check in June 2021 with the current Year 1 pupils.

In preparation for this, please read the power point presentation, which gives details of the content of the screening check and how it will be administered. We hope that this will help you understand how phonics is taught and what the children are expected to know. You can help your child by revising the attached Read Write Inc (RWI) sounds and the phonics practice words sheet.

Additionally you can play some of the phonic games we play in class with the children which can be found on the Phonics Play website here:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

The children will see this check as a normal part of their phonics lesson. If you need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

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