

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you about the Phonics Screening Check that the children will take in the week commencing 30 November 2020.

The phonics screening check is an assessment, set by the department for education, of phonic decoding. It consists of a list of 40 words, half real words and half non-words, which Year 1 children read to a teacher. Ordinarily, the children would have taken this check during their time in Year 1. However, because of the lockdown, the government postponed this assessment, they are required to undertake the assessment during the Autumn term this year, in Year 2.

In preparation for the check, please read the PowerPoint presentation, which gives details of the content of the test 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 find the PowerPoint presentation here:

http://grangeparkprimaryelt.ovw3.devwebsite.co.uk/_site/data/files/curriculum/pdf%20docs/A597720B8AF865AB977FD06B76CEC2A7.pdf

In order to help the children decode 'nonsense' and real words, we are providing them with practise material on 'Google Classroom'. Also, on the PowerPoint, you will find some useful links to games and websites. The year 2 team would be very grateful if you could help your child access this support material as any extra practise would be very beneficial to support their reading.

Please ensure that your child is at school in the week commencing 30th November so that their teacher is able to carry out their Phonics Screening Check.

Your Sincerely,

Ernest Pawlowski
Year 2 Achievement Leader