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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The children will soon be taking part in the phonics screening check.

Phonics Screening Check

The phonics screening check is a short, simple test normally taken by all Year 1 and some Year 2 children in England each June, to assess their reading ability, using phonics. Due to Covid-19 this was not carried out in June 2020 when the class were in Year 1, therefore, the phonics screening check will be carried out on all children this half term.

Lyminster Primary School follows a daily phonics scheme called Read Write Inc. (RWI). Children receive 10-30 minutes phonics teaching every day in Reception and 30 minutes per day in Year 1. This year children in Year 2 also continue to receive daily teaching. In these sessions, new sounds are introduced and previous sounds are practised and applied.

In Read Write Inc. phonics, the individual sounds are called 'speed sounds' – because we want your child to recognise and read them quickly and effortlessly.

What happens during the test?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 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 alien words (nonsense words).

We will notify you of your child's score from the screening check.

How you can help at home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child, using the materials sent home.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child, at least once per day!
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to spot 'special friends' and then saying each sound in the word from left to right.
- Help your child to blend the sounds by pointing to each one as they say it.
- Encourage your child to draw a sound button under each sound before starting to read it (. _)
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.



If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please get in touch via the school office.

Many thanks,

Jodie Jobbings
Year 2 class teacher