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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware from our previous correspondence, children in Year 1 are required to complete a national phonics screening test in June 2021. It is vital that all children develop an in-depth understanding of phonics and how to read words containing the sounds they know. Reading skills are not just key to English and Literacy but are the gateway to all other subjects; being without these skills will leave them at a disadvantage in other areas such as Maths, Science and Geography, History, where children need to be able to read and write to access the curriculum effectively.

Following our recent phonics assessment, your child has been identified as requiring extra support in phonics and in order to pass the phonics screening test.

We will continue to teach your child phonics in our daily sessions but from this week we will also be putting into place several other interventions and strategies to help them make progress and be on track in phonics. We will be delivering small group and 1 to 1 interventions as regularly as possible as well as sharing Read, Write Inc' videos with your children as often as possible. These videos are available for all children to watch at home by logging on to Teams and clicking the RWI links on your phonics group page. Teams can be accessed through I-Pads, computers and smart phones and the links can be watched on all these platforms too. I would strongly advise you to access these videos to help your child with their reading.

From November 23<sup>rd</sup>, every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:25am, as phonics lead I will be teaching a 15-minute early bird phonic intervention for small groups of children. We feel it would be particularly beneficial for your child to attend these sessions. If you do not wish you to attend these sessions, please let us know as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your child will be joining us. Please drop off at the Year 1 door on a Tuesday and Thursday at 8:25am, where a member of the team will be there to welcome them. Following the session, the children will be supervised at all times to continue with their daily learning.

If you need any help or advice to support your child at home with their phonics, early reading or accessing Teams please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or contact me. We will do absolutely everything we can to support you and your child.

Thank you for your support

Miss L Swann (Phonic Lead)