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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, your child will be completing the phonics screening check the first week back after half term. Our children have made pleasing progress in their reading this year, and we would like make sure this continues to ensure maximum success when the phonics check is completed.

We will continue to upload RWI phonics videos links to our Teams pages for you to watch at home. Please set aside 10 minutes a day for your child to watch these films, encouraging them to join in with the lesson and celebrate their successes together. Please also continue to help your child read their RWI books, reading the sounds and words at the start of the book before they read the text. This is best done by choosing a quiet time when they are wide awake to share these and any other books together.

Some parents will be receiving a pack of 'alien words' – these are the words that are not real words and really encourage children to call on their phonic knowledge to decode and read them. Please help your child read these words by getting them to spot the special friends first, then 'fred talk' the words and lastly read the word. Please aim to read 4 – 5 alien words each day containing different special friends.

If you have any questions about the screening check, then please feel free speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Thank you **for** your support – you have a huge impact on your child and their learning.

Miss Swann

RWI phonics lead