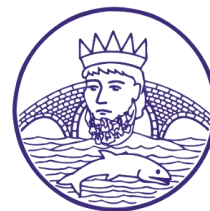


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Dear Families of Y1,

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Week Commencing 9th June

We are writing to remind you that the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week commencing 9th June. Children in Year 1, as well as those in Year 2 who are required to re-take the screening, will be completing the check throughout this week. The check itself is very straightforward: children will read 20 real words and 20 'alien' (nonsense) words. It is designed to be a fun and positive experience, and children always enjoy having one-to-one time with a familiar adult. There is no need for your child to feel worried — they will work with someone they know well in a relaxed setting.

To help your child achieve the best result possible, we encourage you to:

- Complete phonics homework each week. This will consist of adding sound buttons to real and 'alien' words.
- Continue practising reading regularly at home, focusing on sounding out and blending words.
- Continue to use Oxford Owl eBooks daily.
- Encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words rather than guessing.
- Ensure your child is well-rested and has good attendance during this week.

Phonics page on the website:

<https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/curriculum/literacy/early-reading-and-phonics/>

If you would like any further advice or resources to support your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sarah Wharton

Phonics Lead and Kusama Class Teacher

