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Dear Families of Y1,

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Week Commencing 8th June

We would like to invite Parents and Carers to a very short 5-10-minute drop in session after school on *Thursday 7th May* in Van Gogh Class. It will start promptly at 3.15pm and finish no later than 3.25pm. It is really important we have your support for the Phonics Screening Check and this drop in will provide the relevant information needed.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week commencing **8th 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.

Alien words

stroft 

terg 

blurst 


Real words

wood

quiz

warmer

You can encourage your child to add 'sound buttons' to words before reading them out.

stroft 



terg 



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.
- Have a go at some of the past practice checks - see links below.

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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.



Kayleigh Lee

Phonics Lead and Hockney Class Teacher