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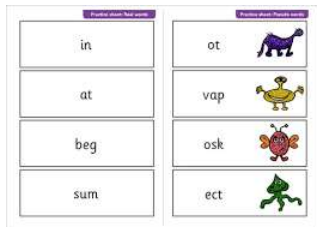
“It’s Good To Be G.R.E.E.N. It’s Great to be B.E.A.V.E.R G.R.E.E.N.”

April 2026,

Dear Parent/Carers,

Next term your child will be completing the nationally required ‘Phonics screening check.’ This will take place at the beginning of June in Term 6. The screen is a check of your child’s decoding skills and covers only sounds they have been taught in Reception and Year 1. Your child will be asked to read 40 words - 20 are real words and 20 we know as ‘alien’ words. Alien words check children’s decoding skills and knowledge of graphemes in a fair way.

Your child will complete the screen with a member of staff they know (class teacher) and will be asked to read the 40 words aloud. The screen will only take a few minutes, but there is no time limit so no rush for them. If your child is struggling, then the teacher will stop. The screen has been carefully designed not to be stressful at all for your child.



This is an example of what the screen looks like.

To support your child at home, please listen to your child read their phonics books daily and please take a few minutes to read some of the words in the pack. Short sharp bursts of reading the words is much better than long sessions. Maybe in the bath or whilst eating breakfast etc.

We invite you to a short information session which will give you further information and support with regards to the phonics screen. This will run on **Wednesday 29th May at 8.45am in the school hall.**

Attached to this letter are some resources you can complete with your child at home and we will also be sending links to further games and resources you can use.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Watts
Phonics Leader

