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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all got back into the swing of things following the return to school after a lovely Christmas break. Year 1 and 2 are crucial years for our children in their early reading development.

As you know we follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme in school. As the children are taught and learn more and more sounds, we need to make sure they can confidently blend these sounds together to read new words. They also need to read words with familiar sounds quickly to build their reading fluency. You may notice your child coming home with a reading book from an earlier stage, please do not worry about this. It is essential that children build up their fluency to ensure they are retaining and using their known sounds accurately. With lots of practice they will soon be back at their original stage.

In the summer term (wb 12 June 2023), the children in Year 1, and any children in Year 2 who did not pass last year, will take their Phonics Screening Check (PSC). We have a workshop available for parents and carers to find out more about this and how you can support your child/children at home. **The Phonics Screening Check workshop will take place on Tuesday 7 March @ 9am or 5pm.** A reminder text will come out closer to the time.

More information can be found following this link:

<https://youtu.be/LbKGLJPp6ww>

In Year 2, the children do their KS2 SATs throughout the month of May. Part of this is a reading test which requires them to read a substantial text and answer questions about this. **A Year 2 SATS workshop will take place on Wednesday 8 March @ 9am or 5pm.** A reminder text will come out closer to the time.

More information can be found flowing this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

In the meantime, please use the sound cards in your Home Learning Bag to practise their sounds and read regularly at home. The more you can do at home, the quicker the children will be at becoming fluent readers. Your child should read the same RWI book at least 4 times to build up their fluency. When they are reading accurately and fluently, they can focus on comprehension of the text.

And finally, if parents, carers or grandparents (aunties, uncles, etc) have any free time and could come into school on a regular basis to listen to readers we would love to have you!

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

Yours faithfully

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