



Park Spring Primary School

"Achieving Together"

22 May 2017

Year 1 PHONIC SCREENING CHECK Week Beg 12th June - 16th June

Dear Parents/Carers

The Year 1 statutory phonic screening check is fast approaching. This is a national test done by all children in Year 1 and is made up of a list of 40 words - 20 real and 20 alien/nonsense words. This check will be delivered on a 1:1 basis in a very child friendly manner. The check can take place at any time during this week therefore we would ask you to please let us know if you are aware of any times during that week when your child will not be able to do the check so that we can plan an alternative time for them.

We as a school have been working daily with your child since September to prepare them for this check and the children have already seen and done practice checks so they are very familiar and comfortable with the format and how the check will be delivered. They have been working extremely hard in class and are now busy revising and revisiting sounds which may come up on the check.

Please can you help support your child in these final weeks by completing all phonic home learning with them. We will also be sending home extra materials so that you can practise with your child. A few minutes practise **every day** really does make a big difference to their confidence and performance on the day. Encourage your child to press the sound buttons in the words and then blend the sounds together and say the word. They will be told which are alien words and which are real words - their job is just to blend the sounds and read the words.

e.g snemp = s - n - e - m - p "snemp"
 clown = c - l - ow - n "clown"

If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to either Miss. Clarkson or myself and we will be happy to speak to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss. Horton
(Year 1 teacher/ KSI Leader)