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Dear Parents and Carers,

Between Monday 8th June and Friday 12th June, the children in Year 1 and some in Year 2 will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check.

The phonics screening check is a short, informal assessment that helps teachers understand how well children are progressing in phonics and early reading skills. During the check, your child will be asked to read 40 words aloud. Some of the words are real words and some are "alien" words, I have told the children that these are the aliens names and should just be sounded and blended. This helps assess children's ability to use their phonics knowledge to decode unfamiliar words.

The check is completed individually by me and usually takes around 5–10 minutes.

Please reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should simply try their best.

If you would like any further information about the phonics screening check or ways to support your child at home, please speak to me.

I have attached an example of the test. If your child needs more support, I will be sending practice sheets home to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel West

Robins Class Teacher



Act justly, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Micah 6:8