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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As you are aware, the Year 1 Phonics Skills test will take place in June and it is important that your child has a good knowledge of the phonics sounds in order to pass. I have identified and will continue to identify the sounds that your child is struggling to read. Over the next few weeks I will be sending home one or two key sounds a week for your child to practise. These sounds will have an accompanying word list. Please would you ask your child to read the words in and out of order (so that it is not just a memory test!) Ask them at the end of each practise ~ "What sound were you reading just then?" They should be able to respond to the 'chant' that we use. E.g. "ay, May I play?" Ask them to point to or underline the target sound in each of the words at the end of the practice. It will also help your child if you encourage them to look out for the target sound in their reading books, around the house or even when out and about!

The Phonics Booster sheets that I send home are not 'Spelling Tests', (unless stated). However, if your child wants to write them out, that is also fine.

Please could you invest 15 minutes, three or four times a week on this phonics practise. Phonics is such an important part of learning to read and achieving the pass mark in the Phonics Check this year will mean that your child is ready for the more challenging work of Year 2. It is so important that they pass this test for so many reasons. The most important motivation: We want your child to be able to access and enjoy this beautiful world through reading.

Phonics Booster Home Timetable

- *Read the sound*
- *Say the sound and its chant together*
- *Read the words to your child*
- *Ask your child to read them to you in a random order sounding out where necessary*
- *Finish session with Phases 2-5 words with the fun games on Phonics Play website below:*

http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html

Please feel free to supplement your child's learning with other phonics games and activities.

Thank you so much for your unwavering support.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mrs S Darville
& Miss E
Urmston Year
1 Teachers