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Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the half-term break, we want to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support in your child's learning journey.

After the half-term holiday, all Year 1 children will take part in the Phonics Screening Check, which helps assess their ability to decode and read real words and alien words using phonics skills. Phonics is a crucial foundation for learning to read, enabling children to break down words into sounds and blend them together to read fluently. Strong phonics skills not only support reading confidence but also help with spelling and writing.

To ensure they feel ready and confident, we encourage you to continue to support your child with their phonics and reading during the holiday. Here are some ways to support your child at home:

Daily practice: Spend a few minutes each day going over sounds, blending words, and spotting tricky words. You can use their reading book or the phonics homework sheet.



- Reading together: Enjoy books together, encouraging your child to sound out words and recognise familiar digraphs, alternative phonemes, and split digraphs.



- Phonics games: Try online phonics games - www.phonicsplay.co.uk has lots of free games and comics.



The most important thing is to practice little and often so your child feels confident when they return to school. Thank you for your continued support—it truly makes a difference in your child's learning.



Miss Kinally and Mrs Orson