

Tuesday 7th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting and Live-Lesson

Year 1 children will take a Phonics Screening Check during the week commencing the 10th June 2024. This is a national assessment, undertaken by all Year 1 children nationally. Children complete the word-reading check so that teachers and parents can be confident the children are being taught to read successfully. Children read 40 words. It usually takes between two and five minutes and is done on a 1:1 with me, their class teacher. If children do not manage to read **32** of the words, they are given extra support to help them make further progress with phonics, and repeat the check in Year 2.

You are warmly invited to a Year 1 Phonics “live lesson” and meeting on Friday 10th May, at 9am.

This will be held in the Year 1 classroom and will be straight after registration. You can come into class with the children in the morning and take a seat and have a drink and biscuit. The meeting will be roughly 30 minutes long and will be an opportunity for you to observe a “live” lesson and see how Phonics is taught. We will also share some information with you and answer any questions you may have about the Phonics Screening Check.

We hope lots of you will be able to come along – we are sure the children will be so excited to see parents during a Phonics lesson!

All children at Dane Bank are being supported to learn phonics using the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. There is more information about this scheme, as well as information to help parents offer support at home, on our school website: <https://www.danebank.tameside.sch.uk/phonics/>. Children will not be put under any pressure during the assessment and are well used to practising their Phonics in small groups and on a 1:1 basis. There is no time limit on the check and children will be guided through the process at their pace.

Parents can support their child by listening to them read daily. There are also some free phonics games available on: www.phonicsplay.co.uk / [Teach Your Monster: Free Phonics, Reading and Mathematics Games](#) / Mr Thorne does phonics on YouTube.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday 10th May at 9am.

Kind regards

Mrs Leigh
Year 1 Class Teacher

