



*'Learning at its heart'*

NEW  
STREET, BRETFORTON  
EVESHAM  
WORCEST  
ERSHIRE  
WR11  
71C

## Dolphin Class – Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As schools were in lockdown during the summer term, Year 1 pupils who would normally have sat the national Phonics Screening Check were unable to do so. Consequently, the government decided that this test would happen nationally at some point during the second half of the autumn term. For our year two children, we will be carrying out this test next week. The Phonics Screening Check is a way of checking a child's ability to read words containing all of the sounds they have learnt. The test contains both real and nonsense words (alien words). The children have had lots of practice reading real and alien words, and are very confident and familiar with this type of activity, so there is nothing to worry about and you do not have to do anything extra at home to prepare them for it. We will keep it very low-key, and will refer to it as a 'quiz' rather than a test so that the children don't feel anxious. The test lasts for about 5 minutes and will be carried out by Mrs Hancock, one-to-one, throughout the week. A benchmark will be published later on in the year, and from this we will be able to see whether or not your child has passed. More importantly, the results will be used to identify any future learning needs in relation to phonics so that the children are well supported. You will be informed of your child's result in their end-of-year report, but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Darby and Mrs Hancock

