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Year 1 Phonics Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your child have settled well into Year 1 and are enjoying the start of the new school year.

As we have begun our phonics learning, we've been spending some time assessing the children's current understanding and skills. Following this, we've identified that both classes would benefit from revisiting key phonics content from the Reception program before we carry on with the Year 1 phonics.

This will ensure that all children have a strong foundation in early phonics knowledge, which is essential for reading and writing success. Our aim is to build confidence and close any gaps early on, so that every child is well-prepared for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check later in the year.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be focusing on consolidating these Phase 3 and 4 skills through using the Little Wandle Reception planning.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practise their phonics at home too - even a few minutes a day can make a big difference! We will continue to keep you updated and share resources and ideas to support learning at home.

If you have any questions or would like more information about how to support your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Heinpuu (Phonics Lead) or your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,
Miss Heinpuu
Reception Teacher
Phonics Lead

