



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed...To be the best me I can be.



18th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, at Birches we use the 'Little Wandle' Phonics scheme to teach children to read and write. As your child is now in Year 1, they are beginning Phase 5 phonics. During this phase, they learn to 'Grow the Code' which means they will learn that there are lots of alternative ways to spell sounds. This is a challenging phase with lots to learn and children really will need your support at home to help them to take it all in!

Grow the code grapheme chart										Phase 2, 3 and 5				
s ss c se ce st sc	t tt	p pp	n nn kn gn	m mm mb	d dd	g gg	c ck cc ch	r rr wr	h h	b bb	f ff ph	l ll le al	j jg dge ge	v vv ve
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We would like to invite you to a meeting on **Wednesday 2nd October at 5pm**, where we will introduce you to phase 5 and explain what your children will be learning over the coming months. In June next year, Year 1 children are required to take part in a statutory assessment called the 'Year One Phonics Screening Check'. During this meeting you will be given information about this process and how you can support your child throughout the year to ensure that they are prepared for this.

This is a session for Parents and Carers only (no children please).

Thank you so much for your support with this, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Buckley

Early Years Lead/ Reception Teacher/ Early Reading and Phonics Lead.