

High View Primary School

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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to a Year 1 Reading Workshop on Thursday 5th November at 2:40pm in Hedgehogs.

The workshop will focus on the next stage of your child's reading journey: Phase 5 phonics.

As children move into Phase 5, they begin to learn that the sounds they already know can be represented in different ways when reading and spelling. For example, the long /ai/ sound can be written in different ways:

- ai – rain
- ay – day
- a-e – snake
- eigh – sleigh

This is an exciting stage in children's reading development as they begin to recognise and apply these different spelling patterns when reading and sometimes in writing.

During the workshop, we will explain:

- what Phase 5 phonics means and what your child will be learning
- Phase 5 reading books and how these support your child's reading development
- how, as children learn more graphemes and develop their reading skills, the books they take home and the words they are expected to read become more complex
- the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which all children in Year 1 take in June
- how we prepare children for the Phonics Screening Check throughout the year

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to sharing this next exciting stage of your child's reading journey with you.

Kind regards,

Miss Slack

Early Reading Lead

Year 1 Teacher & Lower School Lea