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Year 1

Phonics Screening

What is the challenge?

- ▶ Every Year 1 child in the country will take a phonics screening check in June, this year.
- ▶ The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- ▶ The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.

What is Phonics?

- ▶ Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or 'phonemes'. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.
- ▶ There are around 40 different sounds.
- ▶ Children have a 20 minutes discrete phonics lessons each day which consolidates and extends work begun in the Foundation Stage.

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What happens during the phonics check?



- ▶ The check takes approximately 4 to 9 minutes to complete.
- ▶ Children will be asked to ‘sound out’ a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g - dog.
- ▶ The check will consist of 40 words and non-words.
- ▶ Children will be told if the word is a real or ‘alien’ word, with a corresponding alien image.

Examples of words

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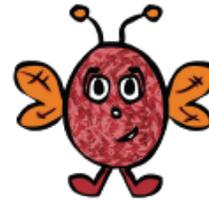
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How will it be administered?

- ▶ I will conduct all of the screening checks with the children.
- ▶ The children will complete the check, one to one , in a quiet area of the school.
- ▶ We are not permitted to indicate to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and/or blended the word.

When will it happen?

- ▶ The screening will take place throughout the week beginning Monday 13th June.
- ▶ It has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.

The results

- ▶ The school will inform you of whether your child falls below OR has met the national standard. (The threshold being determined by DfE).
- ▶ Results will be reported home in July.
- ▶ If your child does fall below the expected standard, they will re-take the phonics screening check in Year 2.

How can you help?

Encourage your child to 'sound out' when reading or writing.
Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns.

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

cow

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound

night

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant in between

spine - *i_e*

Alternative sounds- the various ways of making a sound

e.g. ai- a-e, a, ay, igh & ey

How can you help?

Revisit some of the phonics sheets that have been sent home.

Children can practise their phonics by playing games online.

The children particularly like:

- ▶ Buried Treasure
- ▶ Poopdeck Pirates
- ▶ Picnic on Pluto

Please make sure that they practise a mixture of real and alien words.



How can you help?

REMEMBER: Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader. Continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- ▶ Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues.
- ▶ Ask questions about the book.
- ▶ And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**

