Year1 Phonics Screening Check. Information for Parents

15th May 2023



What is Phonics ?

- Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.

  Written language can be compared to a code, so knowing the sounds of individual letters and how those letters sound when they're combined will help children decode words as they read.
- Understanding phonics will also help children know which letters to use when they are writing words.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

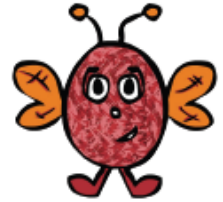
- Every Year 1and Year 2 child in the country will be taking a phonics screening check this academic year.
- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.

What will the children do?

- The check will take approximately 10 minutes to complete
- They will be asked to ‘sound out’ a word and blend the sounds together
- 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

in	ot 
at	vap 
beg	osk 
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How will it be administered?

- Teachers 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.

And the results...?

- We will inform you of whether they fall below or within this standard, and all children will receive a certificate for taking part.
- If Year 1 child's score falls below the national standard they can re-take the Phonics Screening Check in year 2.
- If Year 2 child's score falls below the national standard the children can re-take the Phonics Screening Check in June 2024.

When will it happen?

- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place in the week beginning 12th June 2023.
- It has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part

How can you help?

- Encourage them to use their sounds and actions to find the sound they need.
- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child
- Read as much as possible to and with you child
- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like - Buried Treasure, Picnic on Pluto





Assembly



Thank you for coming !!!

