



Year 1

Phonics Screening Test



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.

- Children have a short phonics lesson each day and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.

- There are around 40 different sounds.





How can you help?

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

Eg

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

cow

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound

night

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant inbetween. Use to be known as the magic e!

spine - i_e

Sound buttons

beach



ride



cake

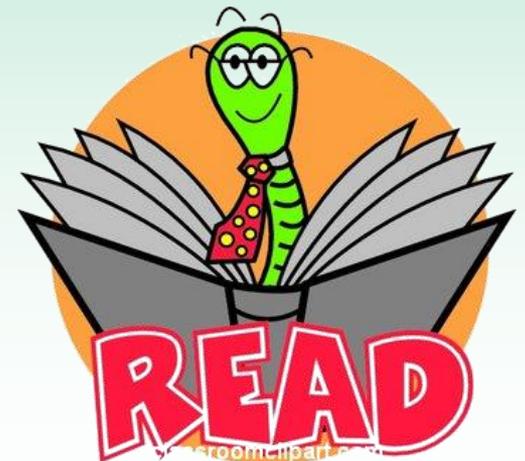


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Why are the children being screened?

- Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the phonics screening check in the same week in June.
- The aim of the check is to ensure that all children are able to read by the end of year two.
- This 'midpoint check' will ensure that we have a clear understanding of what the children need to learn in Year 2.



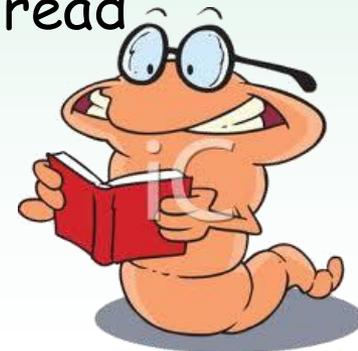
What will the children be expected to do?

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.

- Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. eg d-o-g - dog



- The focus of the check is to see which sounds the children know and whether they can blend the sounds together which is why the children will be asked to read made up 'alien' words.



THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSION TEST

Examples of words:

in

at

beg

sum

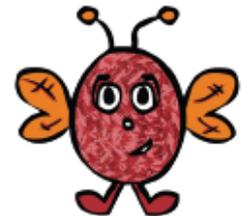
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When will the screening take place?

- The screening will take place throughout the week beginning **June**.
- We will not find out what the pass mark will be until after all children across the country have taken the test. If the children do not reach the pass mark, they will have to re-take the test in Year 2.





Who will complete the check?

- The children will complete the check one at a time in a quiet area of the school.
- It is important that the same adult assesses each child, therefore Mrs Fletcher will conduct all of the screening checks with the children.
- The screening will only take 5-10mins with each child.



Shhhhh!



How can you help?

- Encourage your child to use their sound mat when writing and use their actions to find the sound they need.
- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like 'Buried Treasure'

• <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>





Online games/support

Read with Fonics

Click on Phonics games, then find the Alien words game. Scroll across to Stage 4 for the Year 1 sounds. Other games on here are good fun too!

Phonics Play

Picnic on Pluto and Buried Treasure are both free games on this website. Choose Phase 3, 4 and 5 games.



How can you help?

- **REMEMBER:** Phonics is not the only thing needed to become a fluent reader.
- Please continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:
 - Sound out
 - Re-read to check it makes sense.
 - Use pictures for clues.
 - Ask questions about the book.
 - And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**

Reading to your child

This is just as important as it is listening to your child read.

When you are reading to children it is important to choose a book that is at a harder level than they would read independently.

Shared reading – take turns to read pages with your child.

Reading culture at home – your love of reading rubs off on your child so it is important for your child to see you reading. Have books accessible in your home.

Visit book shops and libraries – make it fun.

High Frequency words

There are 100 high frequency words that your child is expected to learn by the end of year 1.

These are words that are most commonly used and some of these words are known as tricky words as these can not be sounded out using phonics but must be sight learnt. These can be found near the front of your child's learning journal and practise of these will always be included in home learning tasks.

Extra practise of these is extremely beneficial.



Questions?

