

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 25th April 2023
Parent information session

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What is phonics?

- ▶ Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully. They are taught how to:
- ▶ recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes;
- ▶ identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make - such as 'sh' or 'oo'; and
- ▶ blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word. Children can then use this knowledge to 'de-code' new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.

What is the phonics screening check?

- ▶ The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps your school confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.
- ▶ In 2023 the check will take place during the week Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June.

How does the check work?

- ▶ Your child will sit with a teacher he or she knows and be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- ▶ Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new.
- ▶ The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit.
- ▶ The children will complete the check one at a time in a quiet, familiar area of the school.
- ▶ Mrs Bowden/Miss Sheridan will conduct all of the screening checks with the children.
- ▶ It is administered in a way that feels 'normal' to the children, it is not presented to them as a test.

What are 'non-words'?

- ▶ The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' (or 'nonsense words').
- ▶ Your child will be told before the check that there will be non-words that he or she will not have seen before.
- ▶ Many children will be familiar with this because many schools already use 'non-words' when they teach phonics.
- ▶ Non-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

Examples of words within the check

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at

beg

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vap



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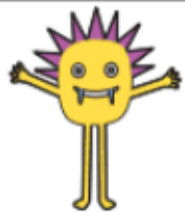
- ▶ The results are reported to the Local Authority. By the end of the summer term all schools must report each child's results to their parents.
- ▶ Our child's result will be included within their end of year report.
- ▶ We will confirm if your child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

Any questions?

Thank you for coming!

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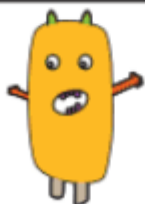
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