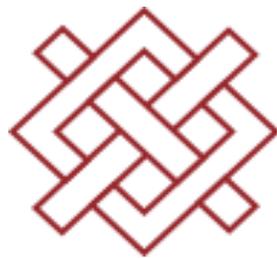


Year 1

Phonics Screening Check

May 2022



What Is The Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country, will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week of 6th - 10th June. Some children in Year 2 will also take the check, if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1, or they have not taken the test before.

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What Happens During The Test?

The test contains 40 words.

Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will be administered by Ms Lawrence for consistency.

The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child; although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.

The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

Pseudo Words (Nonsense Words)

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have.

Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; this way they are testing all children's ability to decode and blend sounds/words.

Example Of The Check

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Practice sheet: Real words	Practice sheet: Pseudo words
in	ot 
at	vap 
beg	osk 
sum	ect 

Reporting To Parents And How Results Are Used

By the end of the Summer term, all schools must report their child's results to parents.

They will also confirm if the child has met the standard threshold.

Children who do not achieve the expected level will re-take the test when they are in Year 2. These children will be getting extra support and teaching to guide them towards achieving this.

Results from the check will be used by schools to analyse their own performance and for Ofsted to use in inspections.

How Can I Help My Child At Home?

1. Use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk' -



2. Practise reading sounds speedily - we have provided set 1 - 3 sounds within today's packs to practise reading sounds at home.
3. Listen to your child read their Storybook every day.

4. We will be uploading 'reading at home' sound videos to the class Teams pages this week. This is for you to practise reading at home if you feel your child needs to focus and consolidate certain sounds.

5. Within today's packs we will be providing 'real' and 'nonsense' words that can be used as a practice screener at home. Please allow your children to draw sound buttons underneath the letters as this helps them de-code and read the words. They will also have the opportunity to do this within the phonics screener check.

Online Resources Available (from our RWI reading programme)

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

Thank you for your support, please take home an information pack and look out for the Teams videos which will be available tomorrow - Wednesday 25th May.

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Ms Lawrence - Early Reading Lead.