

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Evening

Wednesday 26th April

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We will aim to answer these questions:

What is phonics?

Why is the phonics screen carried out?

What is the phonics screen?

When is the phonics screen?

How can I help my child?

What is phonics?

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Phonics is connection between a letter and the sound it makes.

Knowing the connection between a letter (or a group of letters) and the sound it forms a solid foundation for reading.

Why is the phonics screen carried out?

The Phonics Screening Check was introduced by the government 2012. The idea behind it is to assess how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned up to the end of Year 1, and to identify pupils who need extra support to help them apply their skills.

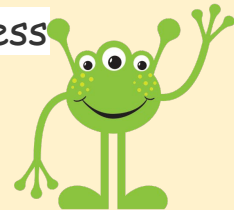
What is the phonics Screening Check?

The Check consists of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with me. We will try to make it as fun as possible and the children won't even know they are being "tested". They have already completed two practice tests and have been asked simply, to read with their teacher.

It checks that your child can:

- Sound out and blend graphemes in order to read simple words.
- Read phonically decodable one-syllable and two-syllable words, e.g. cat, sand, windmill.
- Read a selection of nonsense words which are sometimes referred to as pseudo words - we call them alien words.

Alien words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning e.g. brip, snorb. They are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using phonics skills and not their memory.



When is the phonics screen?

Schools across the country will administer the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check the week beginning :-

12th June 2023

Please ensure your child is at school every day that week!

How can I help my child?

Please try not to worry or 'build up' to the screen. For the children, it will be part of their normal routine.

You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they have learned in Reception and Year 1.

Useful phonics websites:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk - there are lots of helpful resources for you and your child can also use their login to access ebooks and quizzes to help them..

www.ictgames.com - **Phoneme pop!** - the sounds/letters drift by on bubbles and your child has to pop the matching sound!

www.lettersandsounds.com - **Letters and sounds initial sound game** - this game lets your child reveal a sound/letter and then try to find the picture that starts with the same sound.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - there are several free games to play that will help your child with their blending and segmenting.

How can I help my child?

Please also remember that although phonics is an extremely important part of learning to read, it is one of several strategies you will be using to help your child.

Other useful ideas:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk -there are lots of helpful practice sheets for you to complete at home, if you would like to.

Playing games such as 'I Spy' and 'Snap', using letters and words, will help to make this fun and mobile too!

Sharing quality reading time with your child, in a comfortable space/ environment will continue to be exceptionally important; being read to and reading with your child will also support them and give you time together to enjoy reading for pleasure.

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Any questions?

Thank you all very much for coming.