

Year 1

Phonics

Screening



What is phonics?

- Children are taught to recognise the sounds or “phonemes” each individual letter makes.
- They are also taught to identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make.
- They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.
- Children have 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.

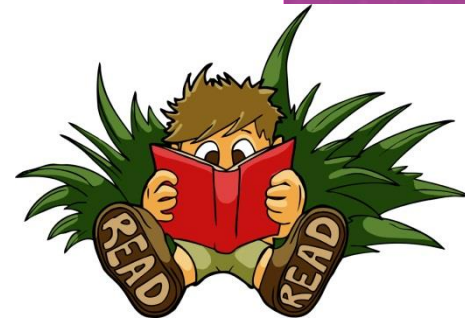
What will the children be expected to do?

- 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 therefore the children will be asked to read made up 'nonsense' words or as we call them **alien words**.

THIS IS NOT A READING TEST



Examples of words:

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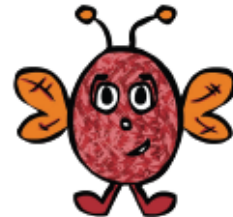
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When will the screening take place?

- The screening will take place throughout the week beginning **Monday 6th June**.
- The children cannot retake the test at any other time so it is very important your child is in school during this week.
- The check has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.

Who will complete the check?

- The children will complete the check one at a time in a quiet area of the school.
- Your child's class teacher will conduct the screening.
- It will only take 5-10 minutes per child.



After the check?

- You will be informed of your child's progress in phonics and how he or she has done in the screening check, towards the end of the summer term.
- All of the children are individuals and develop at different stages and some children will find this more difficult than others.
- Throughout the year your child will be checked on their phonic knowledge and will have interventions put in place to help them.

How can you help?

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

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

c**ow**

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound

n**igh**t

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

sp**i**n**e** - i_**e**

How can you help?

- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online.

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

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html>

- Mr Thorne Does Phonics – App Store or on YouTube

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!**

