

Year 1

Phonics

Screening



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 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 RWI phonics lesson each day and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- We encourage the children to use 'pure sounds' – watch clip.

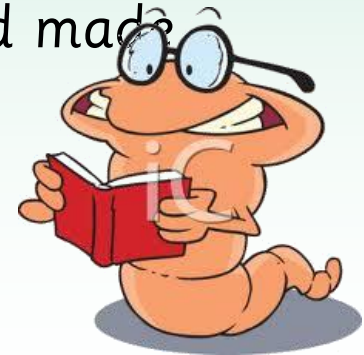
What will the children be expected to do?

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- Children will be asked to 'sound out' (Fred Talk) 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' 'alien' words.

THIS IS NOT A READING TEST



Examples of words:

in

at

beg

sum

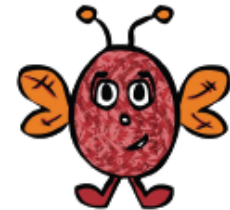
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When will the screening take place?

- The screening will take place throughout the week beginning **Monday 10th June and 17th June** The children cannot retake the test at any other time so it is very important your child is in school during this time.
- 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.
- Class Teachers will conduct all of the screening checks with the children.
- The screening will only take 5-10mins with each child.

How can you help?

•Encourage your child to 'sound out' (Fred Talk)when reading or writing.
Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns. In RWI we call these 'Special Friends'

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

How can you help?

- Point out (or allow your child to point out) different sounds (phonemes) in words.
- Encourage children to sound out words 'Fred Talk' and blend everywhere e.g. Shop names, street names etc.
- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like 'Buried Treasure'

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



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:

- Use 'Fred Talk' – there are websites available on the internet that can aid you with the letter sounds:

- Re-read to check it makes sense and aid your child's fluency.

- Use pictures for clues.

- Ask questions about the book.

- And most importantly ENJOY READING!

Questions?

