

Year 1 Phonics Screeners Meeting



What is phonics?

- Phonics is an effective way of teaching children to read. Through phonics children are taught how to
 - Recognise sounds that each individual letter makes.
 - Identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make e.g. sh, oo, ai.
 - Blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.
- Children can then use this knowledge to decode words they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.



What is the phonics screening test?

- The phonics screening check is a short assessment that allows schools to check whether children have made expected progress within their phonics learning and have reached the appropriate standards.
- Children will be asked to read a list of 40 words out loud.
- It is a statutory requirement for all schools to carry out the test.
- All pupils in Year 1 will take part, including those in Year 2 who did not previously meet the standards.

When does it happen?

- The test will take place on the 2nd week of June.
- It will be carried out in school by a member of SLT and Miss Sevcan. The test will take no longer than 10 minutes, although there is no time limit and children can read at their own pace.
- Children with SEND working significantly below age expected will be exempt from doing the test. Please speak to Mr Dharma if you have any further questions.



What is the pass mark?

- The pass mark has previously been 32 but it maybe different this year. We do not set the pass mark.
- Children will retake the assessment in Year 2 if they do not meet the expected standard in Year 1.
- Children will be supported with extra phonics sessions and interventions.
- Parents will be informed in Summer 2 of the results.

What does the test look like?

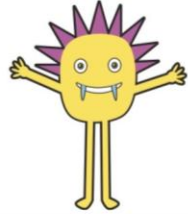
- 40 words.
- Divided into two sections.
- Real words and non words.
- Non words are words that are phonetically decodable but are not actual words. They are included in the check to assess whether they can use their phonics skills to decode words.



What does the test look like?

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Section 1

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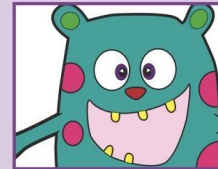
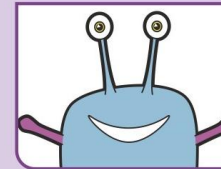
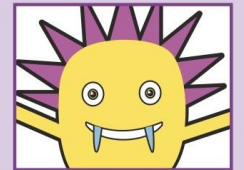
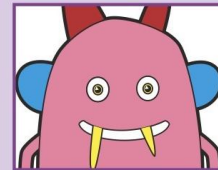
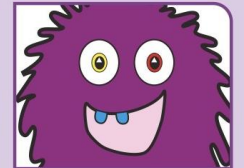
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Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



How can I help my child at home?

- Make learning fun!
- Read the phonics books we send home each week.
- Blossom phonics videos.
- There are lots of websites available to help your child with their phonics.

- [PhonicsPlay](#)
- [Letters and Sounds, English Games for 5-7 Years – Topmarks](#)
- [Phonics Games for the Classroom and Home - Phonics Bloom](#)



Questions?

