



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Parent Information 2024

Aims:

- Explanation of what the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is.
- Give you an understanding of what it will be like for your child
- Recommend how you can help your child at home.

What is the Year 1 phonics screening check?

- The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England.
- It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.
- It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

What does it look like?

Practice sheet: Real words

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Practice sheet: Pseudo words

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What does it look like?

- The test is made up of 40 words
- There are 4 words on each page

- 20 of the words are real
- 20 of the words are alien words – the alien words are identified by a small picture of an alien next to them

How is it delivered?

- The check is done 1:1 with each child
- An adult your child is familiar with will administer the check
- The adult will ask them to read each word clearly
- The check takes about 5–10 minutes.
- [You can download a copy of the 2018 Phonics screening check and 2019 Phonics screening check from the gov.uk website, here.](#)

What does it check?

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 referred to as pseudo/alien words.

How we encourage children to read the words:

- Special friends
- Fred talk
- Read the word



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vanish

What happens to the results?

- We will report your child's results in their end of year report
- The test is graded as a pass or fail
- The pass mark in previous years has been 32

What happens if my child doesn't pass the test?

- Any child that does not reach the standard threshold will sit the screening check when they are in year 2, with the following year's cohort of year 1s.

When is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

- Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024

How can you help at home?

- Regular reading at home to practise their segmenting and blending skills
- Immersing your child in the love of reading; share books and magazines with your child, point out text when you are out and about
- Play interactive games on sites such as phonicsplay.co.uk
- Some of the children may be sent home with flashcards to practise at home
- Have fun making up your alien words to read!

Useful Websites:

- You can find out more about our phonics scheme by clicking [here](#)
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If you have any further questions,
please do not hesitate to
ask a member of the Year 1 Team.