

Phonics screening check



What is the screening check?

- It is a means of checking all Year 1 children's ability to segment and blend words.
- The children take the check 1:1 with their class teacher in a quiet room.
- It will take place in June and each check lasts 4-9 minutes.
- National pass percentage - 82%

What does it consist of?

- Children read through 40 words, 20 pseudo words (nonsense words) and 20 real words.
- Next to each nonsense word there will be a picture of an imaginary creature.
- Children are able to draw on their own sound buttons.
- They are allowed a break at the end of each page if necessary.



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How will it effect my child?

- Every child in Year 1 takes the check, unless they have no understanding of grapheme-phoneme correspondence.
- In the last test the pass score was 32/40. If children do not pass then they will be part of interventions to support retaking the Phonics Screening Check in Year 2.
- If they don't pass again in Year 2 they don't have to take it again.

How will it effect my child?

- The test is nothing new to the children - they regularly play 'Trash or treasure' games in phonics which involves them reading nonsense words and real words.
- We have been using similar resources to check your children's progress during the year.
- It will not be portrayed as a 'test' to children, more an exciting challenge!



How can I support my child?

- Here is a link to a useful website (also available on our school website)
<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm>
- Regular reading with your child at home.
- Practising phase 3 and 5 sounds (provided in the pack).
- Spelling practise.