

KS1 Phonics Meeting

Thursday 1st May 2025

Background Information

- ▶ Since your child started in reception, they have been taught phonics on a daily basis.
- ▶ They have been taught for 30 minutes every day on the sounds they are currently assessed at.
- ▶ There are 3 sets of sounds:
- ▶ Set 1 are the letter sounds and some digraphs e.g. qu, th
- ▶ Set 2 sounds are digraphs/special friends
- ▶ Set 3 more complex digraphs/special friends that also include tious/tion and e (me, he, she)

What the screening involves

- ▶ Officially named the Phonics Screening Check, the year 1 phonics test occurs in the month of June when all year 1 pupils, and some year 2 pupils, will take a test to assess their phonics abilities. The test is designed to see if pupils have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What the screening involves

- ▶ Children who are not in school during this week (for example, due to illness) can take it at another time, during a specified time frame. Children in year 2 who haven't taken the test before, or who did not pass it in year 1, will also take the test. If a child does not pass the test in year 2, they won't have to take it again.

What happens during the screening?

- ▶ Although this is technically a 'test', your child won't be aware that they are being tested. We won't tell the children that they are being tested and the screening check itself is designed not to be stressful. The test will take around 10 minutes, although children are allowed to work at their own pace and there is no time limit. If your child is struggling, I can stop the check early or allow children to have a break.

What happens during the screening?

- ▶ Each child will sit one-to-one with me and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. Some of these words are real words and some are 'nonsense-words' or as we call them 'alien words'. Children will be prepared for this, and these words will have a small picture of an alien next to them. These 'alien words' are important because all children will need to use their phonics skills to read them.

When is the screening taking place?

Week commencing June 9th

Reporting to parents

- ▶ We report the results of the Phonics Screening Check to parents before the end of the Summer term. You will receive a letter that will tell you your child's score and if they have met the expected standard in the test.
- ▶ (If they haven't, they will sit it again next Summer.)

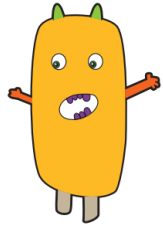
How can you help

- ▶ Read with your child as often as possible. They read to you and you read to them. The RWI books sent home are where your children have recently been assessed at being.
- ▶ When you are reading with them, remind them to use the letter sounds or diagraphs to sound out unfamiliar words.
- ▶ I will be sending home examples of alien words for them to practise with you as well as real words containing the Set 2 and Set 3 sounds/special friends.

Examples

Section 1

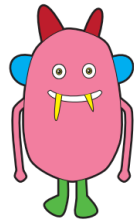
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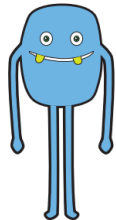
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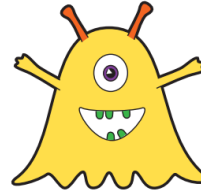


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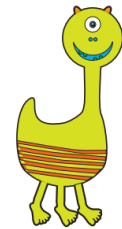
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