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TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

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Parent workshop: Phonics and early reading





# Phonics



# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

- The phonics screening check is a short assessment to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.
- It will identify the children who need extra help so they are given support by their school to improve their reading skills.
- The test is compulsory for all Year 1 children.
- If a child does not sit the test in Year 1 they will be tested in Year 2.
- If a child does not pass the screening, they will need to redo the screening in Year 2



# When will the test take place?

- We will administer the check Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- If your child is absent in this week we will administer the check Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

# How long does the test take?

- Every child is different, but most children take between four and nine minutes to complete the assessment.



# How is the test structured?

- It will be a short, simple screening check to make sure that all children have grasped fundamental phonic skills. It comprises a list of 40 words and non-words (pseudo words), which a child will read one-to-one with their class teacher in a silent area.
- Half of the words cover phonic skills which tend to be covered in Foundation Stage 2, and half of the words are based on Year 1 phonic skills.

## Pseudo Words

It is important that children understand the difference between real words and non-words, so that they do not try to blend a pseudo word as a similar real word.

The pseudo words are presented alongside a picture of an imaginary creature, and children can be told the pseudo word is the name of that type of creature. This helps children to understand the pseudo word should not be matched to their existing vocabulary.





# Examples



Practice sheet: Real words

in
at
beg
sum

Practice sheet: Pseudo words

ot	
vap	
osk	
ect	



# Achieving the Standard

- Previously the required pass mark has been 32/40. This may change.
- Children have to re-take the check the following year if they do not meet the standard.
- Your child's results will be sent home with their annual report in July.

# Supporting your child

- Practise sounding out and blending words sent home.
- Practise reading the tricky words sent home. Remember to encourage your child to read these as whole words.
- Continue to hear your child read and enjoy sharing books at home together.

# Any Questions?



- Please come along to our Phonics Screening Check drop in should you have any questions or would like to speak to your child's class teacher about the check.
- The drop in session will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 3:30pm-4:00PM