Welcome!

Year 1 phonics screening check

Standards and Testing Agency

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What is phonics?

- A system that teaches children the alphabetic code to be able to read and write words.
- The English language is extremely complex so we have to teach it in a careful way that builds on what your child knows so they develop confidence.
- Little Wandles Letters and Sounds Revised

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

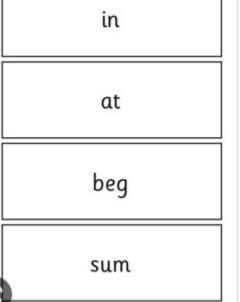
- Compulsory assessment for all Year 1 children
- Week commencing 12th June 2023
- Children do not need to know this is a test.
- They will be aware that they will be reading some words 1:1 with their class teacher. They may think it is a 'phonics competition' or 'phonics challenge'.
- The less stress for the children the better they will perform.

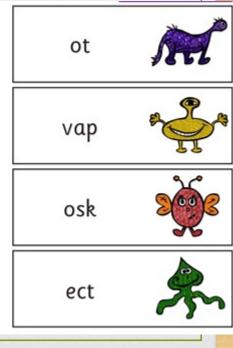
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- 40 words
- 20 real words
- 20 pseudo words (alien)
- Blending for reading
- Decoding skills only not assessing children's ability to understand and read for meaning.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- Section 1 –
- Page 1-3 pseudo words
- Page 4 & 5 real words
- Section 2 –
- Page 6 & 7 pseudo word
- Page 8-10 real words





Why does the check include non words?

- Non words are an established assessment method in many schools and are included in many phonics programmes.
- They are included because they will be new to all pupils, so there won't be a bias to those with a good memory of words.
- Pupils who can read non words should have the skills to decode almost any unfamiliar word.

Useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk







www.phonicsbloom.com



Odd And Bob

'Bob' the alien loves real words, while his best friend 'Odd' loves fake words. Sound each word and try to give them their favourite treats!

Skills taught: Grapheme recognition, grapheme-phoneme correspondence, sounding out, blending



Scan the QR codes to access practise Phonics Screening Checks









Thank you for listening!

Any questions?