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Information about the Year One Phonics Screening Check

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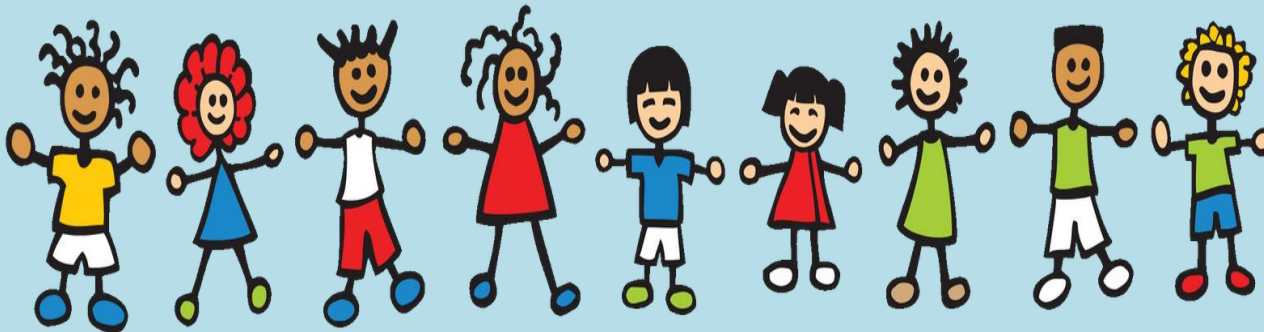
Reading

"Being able to read is the most important skill children will learn during their early schooling and has far-reaching implications for lifelong confidence and well-being."



What is phonics?

- Phonics is the link between letters and the sounds they make.
- It is taught using a highly structured programme working through progressive phases.



- Children are taught how to recognise phonemes (sounds) that each individual letter makes and identify the sounds that different combinations of letters (graphemes) make eg: 'oo', 'sh', 'air' etc.
- Digraph - 2 letters that make 1 sound cow
- Trigraph - 3 letters that make 1 sound night
- Split digraph - 2 vowels with a consonant in between.
spine (i_e)

Why do we teach Phonics?

- Research shows that it is the most effective way to teach young children to read.
- Provides children with skills to tackle new words.
- Children who have been taught phonics tend to read more accurately than those taught using other methods.

Little Wandle

- We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme.
- This website has different links to support parents with phonics.
- <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



What is the phonics screening check?

- The screening check was proposed as a 'simple reading check at age six' and that every Year 1 child is able to complete the check. The idea is that it would help to ensure that children have 'mastered the basic skills of early reading'. Those 'basic skills' are:
 - recognising individual letters and groups of letters
 - knowing which letter(s) are representing which sounds
 - blending individual sounds together to read words.
 - To enable them to access the learning in Year 2.

What will the phonics check look like?

- The check is administered individually.
- Your child will sit with their class teacher and be asked to blend 40 words aloud.
- Some of the words they may have read before and some will be completely new.
- The check normally takes just a few minutes and there is no time limit. It is designed not to be stressful for your child.

What will the check contain?

- The check contains real and psuedo words (alien words).
- The check is split into two sections.
- The check consists of reading 40 words and non-words (pseudo words).
- The children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. s-t-ar-t
- Children will know if the word is a real or 'alien' (pseudo) word. The pseudo word will be put into context by having a corresponding alien image. The children will be asked to read the alien's name.
- The children must sound out the correct phonemes and blend together whichever graphemes form that particular word.

Examples of words

day

snemp



slide

blurst



newt

spron



phone

stroft



After the check- results

- We will send off the results.
- We will not know the pass rate until after the screening and this will be sent to the school, at the end of June. Previously children have needed to score 32/40 to reach the pass mark.
- Parents will be sent a letter explaining if their child has passed or not.

When will the children take the check?

Children in Year 1 will sit the check with their class teacher the week beginning 10th June.

Common questions

1. What happens if my child does not reach the pass mark?

For any child that doesn't reach the pass mark they will repeat the phonics check in Year 2 and be supported with their reading.

2. What happens if my child is absent?

If your child is off poorly or for any other reason they will have until Friday 21st June to complete the check.

How can you help?

- Use online games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk to read real and pseudo words.
- Reading **every day** with your child to build up their confidence and fluency of reading.



Any questions?

