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Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps the school confirm whether your child has made the expected progress. It is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

When will the phonics screening take place?

This year the check will take place during the week commencing Monday 6th June 2022.

How does the check work?

Your child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. The check normally takes a few minutes. It has been carefully designed not to be stressful for your child. The check consists of a list of 40 words, half real words and half nonsense words, the nonsense words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This not only makes the check a bit more fun, but provides the children with a context for the nonsense word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to your child read regularly and record this in their reading diary.
- Interactive phonics games and apps such as; www.phonicsplay.co.uk
<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>

If you have any further questions, please contact us anytime either in school or via ClassDojo.

Kind regards,

Mrs Beattie and Miss Price