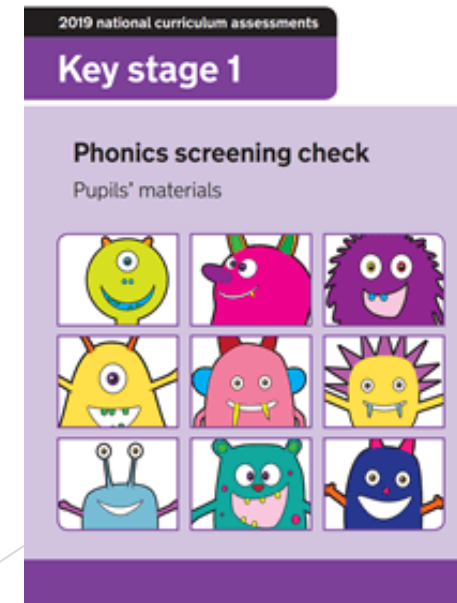


Year One Phonics Screening Check

21st March, 2023

What is the Phonics Screening Check



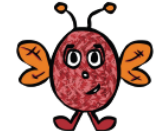

- ▶ The phonics screening check is a national assessment completed by all children at the end of Year One.
- ▶ This year the check will take place in the week commencing Monday 12th June 2023.
- ▶ The aim of the check is to ensure that all children are on track with their reading so that all children leave Year Two able to read fluently.
- ▶ The phonics screening check *only* assesses children's ability to decode.



How does the check work?

- ▶ The check is made up of forty words of increasing difficulty.
- ▶ 20 of the words are decodable, phonetic words.
- ▶ The other 20 words are 'alien' words – they are decodable but do not make any sense.
- ▶ Alien words are always accompanied by a picture of an alien so that children are clear about which words are alien and which are not.

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How is the check administered?

- ▶ The check is very low pressure!
- ▶ Children are assessed 1:1 by their class teacher in a quiet room.
- ▶ This is something they are all used to doing – we do small phonics checks regularly throughout the year.
- ▶ The children will not know they are being ‘tested’.
- ▶ We will encourage all children to put on their ‘dots and dashes’. This is something they are very used to doing in phonics.

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What are we doing to prepare?

- ▶ All children attend phonics every day for forty minutes. This session is based on the children's ability rather than age so all children receive targeted support in a small group that meets their needs.
- ▶ For children who need it, they are receiving 1:1 phonics support sessions at least three times per week.
- ▶ Every day in phonics, children read words containing a variety of sounds.
- ▶ Every day in phonics, children practice reading alien words.

Results

- ▶ The pass mark will not be published until July.
- ▶ For as long as the check has existed, the pass mark has been 32/40. We assume it will be the same this year but we cannot guarantee it.
- ▶ We will share the children's results with you in their end of year report.
- ▶ If your child does not achieve 32/40, they will continue to do phonics next year (as will the vast majority of children) and they will have another opportunity to complete the check in Year Two.

What can you do at home?

► Read!

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Thank you for your time.

Any questions?