



Information about the National Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 28th April 2022

What is phonics?

- Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully.
- They are taught how to recognise the sounds that each phoneme makes.
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or phonemes. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.
- Children have a phonics lesson each day and are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- There are around 40 different sounds to learn.

What will the children be expected to do in the Phonics Screening Check?

- Children will be asked to read 40 words – 20 real words and 20 nonsense words.
- These words will increase in difficulty as the screening goes on.
- Children will be able to sound out the words and blend the sounds together to be able to read them.
- They will be able to add sound buttons to each of the words if they need to.

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When will the screening take place?

The screening will take place throughout the week beginning ***Monday 6th June 2022.***

The children cannot retake the test at any other time so it is very important your child is in school during this week.

How does the screening take place?

- Children will work one to one with their class teacher to complete the screening.
- We will work in a quiet area of school to allow children to concentrate.
- The screening will take around 5-10 minutes.

What are we doing in school to prepare the children for the screening?

- Daily phonics lesson
- Practise screenings
- Daily opportunities when 'learning around the room'

What can you do to help?

Please continue to read with your child every night and encourage them to:

- Sound out words as they need to
- Look for different sound that are in the words
- Re-read after sounding out to each that it makes sense
- Play some simple games to practise decoding real and nonsense words.

What happens after the screening?

- Results will be reported to DfE.
- Results sent to parents.

Thank you

