

Year 1 Phonics Challenge



What is Phonics?



- ❑ Children have a 45 minute daily phonics lessons through Read, Write Inc. ;
- ❑ 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;
- ❑ There are around 40 different sounds.



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What is the challenge?

- ❑ Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking a new statutory phonics screening check in the same week.
- ❑ Due to lockdown the 2020 and 2021 checks were carried out in December with the Year 2 children.
- ❑ The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- ❑ The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.
- ❑ Children not achieving the pass mark will re-do the check in Year 2 in June 2023



What will the children do?

- ❑ The Government's results estimate that each check will take 4 to 9 minutes to complete;
- ❑ They will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g - dog 
- ❑ The check will consist of 40 words and non-words 'alien';
- ❑ Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image.

Examples of words

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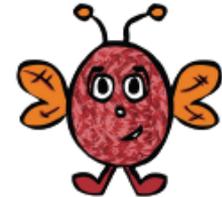
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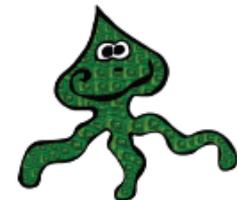
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How will it be administered?

- ❑ Mrs Smith and Mrs Brooks will conduct all of the screening checks with the children and the children have experienced this style of working before;
- ❑ The children will complete the check one to one in a quiet area of the school;
- ❑ Children will need to fully blend the word together to get the point and we are not permitted to indicate to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and / or blended the word.
- ❑ Children are given the opportunity to 'dot and dash' the words before starting the check.



National Phonic Results

<input type="checkbox"/>	First Year of administration	30%
<input type="checkbox"/>	National results 2018	82%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retest results	90%
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Results 2019	82%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retest results	91%

Within school we have carried out practice tests over the year and we have put in place additional daily phonics sessions during the day and some 1:1 sessions.

And the results...?

- ❑ The children will be scored against a national standard (*threshold yet to be determined by DfE*)
- ❑ We will inform you of whether they fall below or within this standard, and all children will receive a certificate for taking part.
- ❑ If your child's score falls below the national standard they will need to re-take the Phonics Screening Check in year 2.



When will it happen?

- ❑ The screening (challenge!) will take place throughout the week beginning

Monday 6th June.



- ❑ If a child is absent we can catch them up during the next week. If they are absent for 2 weeks they will be given a 0 score.
- ❑ It has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.

How can you help?

Encourage them to use their sounds and actions to find the sound they need. Please do not correct their pronunciation unless you are sure you are correct!

www.phonicsplay.co.uk



Children can practise their phonics by playing games online.

The children particularly like -

- * Buried Treasure
- * Poopdeck Pirates



How can you help?

REMEMBER: Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader. Continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues.
- Ask questions about the book;
- And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**



Questions?

