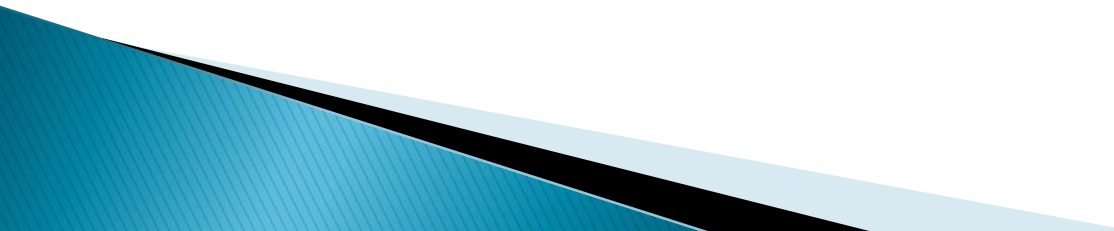
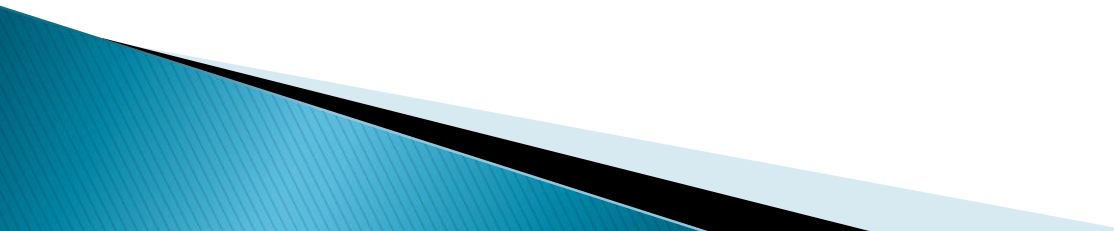


Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2023

Phonics Screening Check

- ▶ In June, Year 1 have their 'Phonics Screening Check'.
 - ▶ The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps to inform us where they may need further input.
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How the check works

- ▶ Your child will sit with a teacher he or she knows and be asked to read 40 words.
 - ▶ Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new.
 - ▶ The check will consist of 20 'real' words and 20 'Alien/nonsense' words.
 - ▶ The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit.
 - ▶ If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.
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Why use Alien words?

- ▶ The check will contain a mix of real words and 'alien' (or 'nonsense words'). Your child will be told before the check that there will be 'Alien/nonsense' words that he or she will not have seen before.
- ▶ Your child will be familiar with this because the school already uses 'Alien words' when they teach phonics.
- ▶ Alien or nonsense words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to **all** children. Children cannot read these by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. **This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode new words.**

Examples of Alien words

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snemp



voo



bim



blurst



jound



vap



spron



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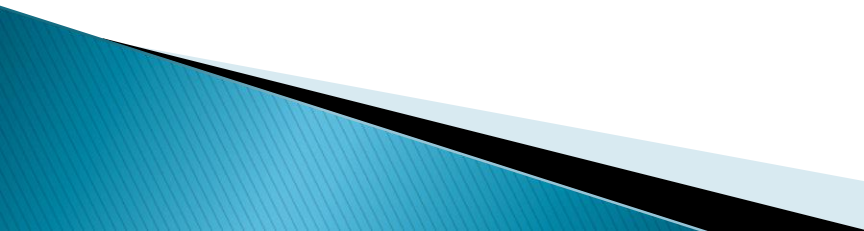
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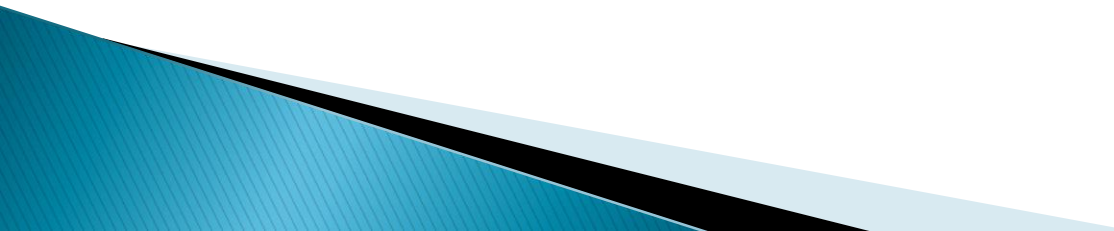
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After the check

- ▶ Your child will need to read the **majority** of the 40 words correctly to pass.
 - ▶ **We do not know the exact amount** needed for your child to pass as this will be decided after the check has been carried out, and the results have been submitted to the Local Authority.
 - ▶ You will be informed of your child's score before the end of the academic year.
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Children not reaching the threshold

- ▶ All children are individuals and develop at different rates.
 - ▶ If your child has found the check too difficult, the school will inform you of what support they will put in place to help him/her improve.
 - ▶ Your child **may** retake the check in Year 2 – we will follow the local authority's guidelines.
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Supporting your child at home

- ▶ Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading and books.
- ▶ Parents play a very important part in helping with this.
- ▶ <http://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=21> Practise reading words with your child
- ▶ <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase5Menu.htm> Practise with online games
- ▶ Use EducationCity.com for great games and Phase 2,3,4 and 5 practise.