



Phonic check for Year Two

4th November 2020

Due to lockdown the children in Year Two did not complete the phonics screening check at the end of Year One. In the first week of December your child will complete a phonic screening check. This check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to the appropriate standard.

What happens during the check?

The check contains 40 words.

20 words are 'real' words and 20 words are 'pseudo' or 'alien' words as the children may refer to them as.

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.



- Each child will sit one to one with the class teacher and read each word aloud.
- The check takes approximately 10 minutes to complete; although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.

We will then record the scores and will report to you if your child met the standard threshold. Any children who do not meet the standard threshold will complete a further phonic check in June 2021.

How Can I Help My Child At Home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.



Useful websites

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=phonics>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc&feature=emb_logo

Kind regards
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