

## **Phonics screening check information**

Dear Parents/Carers,

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June all year 1 pupils will take part in a national 'phonics screening' check. The check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

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.

We will report the results to parents by the end of the summer term and confirm if your child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

Please ensure you continue to read on a regular basis with your child at home as this will develop their phonics knowledge. We have attached some examples of the types of words that may be included in the test, including pseudo (alien words). Please practise these words with your child over half term. If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right. Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been. Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

There are several websites that also have free practise materials for the screening. Please see the links below:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

<https://monsterphonics.com/the-phonics-screening-check/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/5>

We thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Grew/Ms Kirby

# Phonics Screening Practice List

Real Words			
t	chill	blank	s
	start	scribe	
l	best	phone	b
	grit	whisk	
	shin	dentist	
a	gang	starling	e
	week	day	
	hooks	slide	
h	strap	newt	r
	trains	finger	

**Nonsense Alien Words**

steck



bim



hild



vap



quemp



spron



geck



blurst



ulf



voo



chom



snemp



tord



fape



thazz



jound



blan



stroft



tox



terg



