



YEAR 1 PHONICS CHECK INFORMATION : 17TH APRIL 2018

What is phonics?

- 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 they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons. At Tackley we use 'Read Write Inc' to teach phonics.
- There are around 40 different sounds.



Phonics Screening

What is it?

- The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will identify pupils who need extra help to improve their decoding skills.
- The check consists of 20 real words and 20 alien words that a pupil reads aloud to the teacher.
- Pseudo-words (Alien words) are included to ensure that the child can decode using phonics, not just rely on memory.



Phonics Screening

Practice sheet: Real words

in

at

beg

sum

Practice sheet: Pseudo words

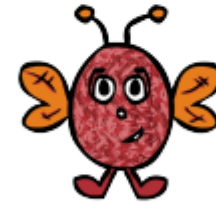
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Phonics Screening

The testing

- Will be carried out by Miss Murphy and Miss Malone. 😊
- Children can only do the test once.
- Designated week – w/c: Monday 11th June.
- If children are absent, the test can be taken up to Friday 22nd June.

Phonics Screening

How does school support your child?

- Regular speed sound sessions.
- Reading books to match child's stage in phonics.
- Regular assessment – Practise tests, phonics assessments to inform planning and teaching.
- 1:1 booster phonics if needed.

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How you can support your child.

- Encourage your child to 'sound out' and then blend when reading or writing. Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns.

eg

digraph: 2 letters making one sound

cow

trigraph: 3 letters making one sound

night

split digraphs: 2 vowels with a consonant in between

spine

Activities that can support at home

- Reading – anything and everything

- Some good websites are:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.lettersandsounds.com

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/fun-ideas/age-5-6--2>

Phonics Screening

Results

- Government release the pass mark after schools have submitted the results. In previous years this has been 32 out of 40.
- You will receive a letter towards the end of the summer term informing you whether your child has passed the phonics check and what their score was.
- Children who do not reach the pass mark will have additional targeted support in Year 2.
- If your child does not reach the pass mark, they will re-take at the end of Year 2.

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Any questions?