



Year 2 Phonics Screening





Aims of this meeting

• To understand what the Phonics Screening Check is about

To have an overview of how we teach phonics

Helping your child at home



What is phonics?

- A method of teaching reading by using sounds for the letters of the alphabet
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or 'phonemes' (segmenting) e.g. ch ai n s
- They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word 'chains'
- 44 sounds- complex speed sounds chart



Complex Speed Sounds

Consonant sounds

f ff ph	l ll le	m mm mb		se c	v ve	z zz s se	sh ti ci	th	ng nk
				ce					

b bb	c k	d dd	9 99	h	j g	p pp	qu	t tt	w wh	x	y	ch tch
	ck ch				ge dge							

Children are encouraged to use these sounds to read, spell and write in lessons.

Vowel sounds

a	е	i	О	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				ay a-e ai	y	igh i-e	ow o-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						е	i	0
							y	

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How we teach Phonics

- Some children have a phonics lesson 4 times a week and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- Other children have a spelling lesson which encompasses similar strategies.
- Children are placed within groups to match their phonics knowledge.

• We follow the Read Write Inc scheme and children are assessed regularly to progress through the scheme.



Fred Talk and Special Friends

• In all Phonics lessons, children are taught to 'Fred talk' and find 'Special Friends'

Demonstration of Fred Talk and finding special friends

diving	isk		downstairs
shave	nooz	100 E	June
fairy	chote		glued



What is the Phonics Screening?

- Every Year 2 child in the country will be taking the phonics screening check in the week beginning Monday 7th December 2020
- The aim of the check is to ensure that all children are able to read by the end of Year Two.
- The Screening consists of 40 words for children to read, there are 20 real and 20 nonsense words.
- We do not know the pass mark however it is usually around 32/33 out of 40.
- We will inform all parents on the outcome of their child's phonic screening check as part of their end of year report.



How is the screening carried out?

- Children read the words one-to-one with a teacher or teaching assistant.
- Children will largely be unaware of it being a test, we usually call it a phonics challenge!
- For some children, we have a rest or movement break between the sections and we will discuss this with class teachers prior to the screening.
- You can see previous Phonics Screening Checks online

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2019-materials



What your child can expect:

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together.eg d-o-g dog
- The focus of the check is to see which sounds the children know and therefore the children will be asked to read made up 'nonsense' words.
- This is considered a phonics decoding assessment (are children able to decode and blend sounds) and we as a school will not know what words will be in the screening.
- The phonics screening does not check children's comprehension skills but it is vital in building children's reading skills.



Information about the words

- The Phonics Screening check will have words made up of 44 different sounds.
- The words do get progressively harder.
- Nonsense words are included because children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills.
- We will not know which words or sounds may come up.



Helping your child at home

- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online e.g. https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm
- https://www.phonicsbloom.com/
- https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds
- When your child is reading encourage them to identify special friends.
- Hear your child read at least 5 times a week for 5 minutes minimum.
- Continue ENJOYING READING at home!



Thank you for attending

• Please do not hesitate to email any questions

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