

Phonics Screening Check

June 2017

What is it?

- In Year 1, every child in the country will take a phonics test during the week of 12 June 2017
- The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.
- The test is taken one-to-one with a class teacher.

What do the children have to do?

- Each test takes 4 to 9 minutes to complete.
- They will be asked to say each sound in a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g – dog.



- The test will consist of 40 words. Some real words, some nonsense words.
- The last few words usually have two syllables.

Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image:

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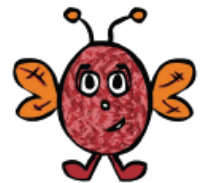
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How will it be conducted?

- Each child will have their allotted time to take the test with a class teacher within that week in June.
- The test will be taken in a quiet area of the school.

The results

- The children will be scored against a national standard.
- We are not told the pass mark until all the tests have been submitted.
- If your child does fall below the national standard, they will have the chance to re-take the test in Year 2.

How can you help?

- Encourage children to use their blending skills to help them read a word.
- Children can practice their phonics by playing games online, particularly games with nonsense words. The children particularly like -

* Buried Treasure

* Poopdeck Pirates

* Picnic on Pluto

- Continue to read every night with your child.

