



25th April 2024

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 1 phonics screening test is approaching in the week beginning 10th June, so the Year 1 team and I have put together a few things for parents who would like to support their child in the run up to this at home.

The first sheet contains word lists from previous phonics screeners, which give examples of words containing sounds the children have learned.

The screening test requires your child to read both real and nonsense words in order to show they can apply the sounds that they have been taught. Therefore, if you would like to practice reading nonsense words, simply take a real word and change a letter or two!

E.g.
home > hote
play > spay
trusting > fusting

The next sheets contain the phase 2, 3 and 5 sounds and examples of words containing those sounds.

In addition, your child may bring home a sheet with some sounds on (with a phonics tracker logo at the top righthand side). These are the sounds that your child particularly needs to practise. If your child doesn't have one of these sheets you can assume that they have demonstrated that they know the sounds in class.

Finally, to reassure you, we do not refer to the test as a 'test' to the children and they are not set under intimidating or pressurised test conditions. The children spend 1 to 1 time with the teachers simply reading a list of words.

Thanks for your support.

Kind regards,
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