

# In Year 1 the children have a Phonics Check

## What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps us confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.

This will take place during the week of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## How does the check work?

Your child will sit with their teacher and be asked to read 40 words aloud.

Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new.

The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit. If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

## What are 'non-words'?

The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' ('made up' or 'nonsense words').

Non-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

Non words are identified with a monster picture. 

## Helping your child with phonics

Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading and books. Parents play a very important part in helping with this.

Ask your child to read and blend these words

tox 

voo 

terg 

bim 

jound 

fape 

phone

shin

vap 

newt

day

ulf 

rusty

start

slide

gang

geck 

snemp 

chom 

blurst 

tord 

blank

trains

week

spron 

thazz 

stroft 

blank

strap

chill

scribe

steck 

hild 

# Useful websites to support phonics

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) (Literacy section)

Phoneme patterns

Blending Dragon

The Dinosaurs Eggs

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures)

CVC words

Consonant Clusters

Long Vowel Sounds

[www.mrthorne.com](http://www.mrthorne.com)

[www.phonicsplay.com](http://www.phonicsplay.com)