



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

What is the Year 1 phonics screening check?

The Year 1 phonics screening check is a short assessment for all Year 1 children. It is a statutory requirement for all schools in England to carry out the phonics screening check.

When does it take place?

It takes place the week beginning the 8th June. If a child is absent, they will be assessed when they return to school.

How long does the check take?

Every child is different, but most children will take between five and ten minutes.

How is the check structured?

Children will be given 40 words to read, including non-words ('alien' words). The check will take place one-to-one with your child's teacher. The children are very familiar with the format and the check is administered in a very relaxed, informal way.

How will the results from the phonics screening check be shared?

A letter will be sent home after the assessment which will inform you whether your child is working at the expected level.

What happens if a child is not working at the expected level?

Children will retake the assessment in the summer term in Year 2. Children will be supported in school to improve their phonics skills and we will share with you what has been put in place to help your child.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team

