

## What is the Phonics Screening Check?

All **year 1** pupils in England take the Phonics Screening Check. Any year 2 children who did not meet the required standard at the end of year 1 will also take the Phonics Screening check. It's done in school by our staff.

The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5-10 minutes. Some words are real words, and others are nonsense, or 'alien' words, that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before.

The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support

The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We'll let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

## Do we get to know the results?

We have to report the results to Wolverhampton Local Authority by the end of the Summer term. We'll also let you know the results when we send out reports at the end of Summer term.

If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year when they are in year 2. It's normally nothing to worry about.

## Phonics Screening Check Fact Sheet



## How can I help at home?

Your child is being taught phonics at school and no special work at home is needed.

However, you can always help your child by:

- Reading to and with them
- Playing sound and reading games
- Teaching them new words, and showing them how they're written

## When will it be happening?

Children in Year 1 will complete the phonics screening check in June. This year the phonics screening check will take place Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## Contact the school

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the phonics screening check, please book an appointment with Mrs P Smith-Hughes or Mrs A Price.