

Y1 Phonics screening information evening Thursday 22nd January



What is phonics?



•Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.

Written language can be compared to a code, so knowing the sounds of individual letters and how those letters sound when they're combined will help children decode words as they read.

Understanding phonics will also help children know which letters to use when they are writing words.

•Children have a 20 minute phonics lesson each day (with the class teacher) and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.

•There are around 44 different sounds.

Phonics bug

The screenshot shows the Bug Club Phonics interface. At the top, the logo features a green bug with antennae next to the text "Bug Club Phonics". To the right, a white box contains the text "Unit 18 /oo/ long as 'ew': Lesson". Further right is a blue "Guide" button with a close icon. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for "Sounds", "Reading", "Spelling", "Writing", "Writing Cursive", and "Follow-up". The "Sounds" tab is active. On the left side, there is a vertical toolbar with icons for navigation, sound control, and a trash bin. The main content area is a video player showing a landscape with green grass and brown bushes. The letters "e" and "w" are displayed in a green, rounded font on the grass. Below the video is a playback control bar with a play/pause button, a progress slider, a volume icon, and the "BBC ACTIVE" logo. At the bottom of the interface is a colorful alphabet bar with letters from "a" to "z".

What Is The Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1, or they have not taken the test before. Head teachers should decide whether it is appropriate for each of their pupils to take the phonics screening check.

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What will the children be expected to do?

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- The test contains 40 words.
- The list of words is a combination of real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words)
- Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. eg d-o-g - dog



THIS IS NOT A READING OR WRITING TEST



Examples of words:

in

at

beg

sum

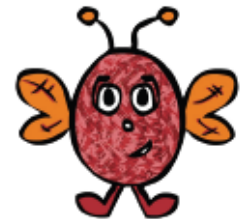
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When will the screening take place?

- The screening will take place in the second week of June at the end of Year 1.
- The check has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.

How can you help?

•Encourage your child to 'sound out' when reading or writing. Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns.

Eg

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

cow

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound

night

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant inbetween. Use to be known as the magic e!

spine - i_e

How can you help?

- Encourage your child to use their sound mat when writing and use their actions to find the sound they need.

- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like 'Buried Treasure'

- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>



How can you help?

- **REMEMBER:** Phonics is not the only thing needed to become a fluent reader.
- Please continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:
 - Sound out
 - Re-read to check it makes sense.
 - Use pictures for clues.
 - Ask questions about the book.
 - And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**

Questions?

