



Class Newsletter

Phonics Screening check information - Year 1

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a quick check of your child's ability to decode words using only his or her phonic knowledge. It helps us to confirm whether your child has met the expected standard for a child at the end of Year 1.

Please be assured that I will carry out the phonics check in a very discreet way and so your child will not be aware they are being assessed.

The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' (silly words). Your child will be told before the check that there will be non-words that he or she will not have seen before. Your child will be familiar with this because we use various games in class containing 'non-words'. Non-words are important to include because 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.

The check is a statutory requirement for all children in Year 1 and will take place in the second half of the summer term. Children who do not take the check or do not meet the expected standard will take the check again at the end of Year 2. I will inform parents with their end of year report of whether your child has met the expected standard in the check.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you are unsure about anything.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Masson