





Information about The Phonics Screening Check

Across the country, all Year 1 children take part in a phonics assessment called the Phonics Screening Check. This is a national assessment and it usually takes place in June. The results are reported to the Department for Education. **It is unlikely the Phonics Screening Check will take place in 2020 due to Covid-19.**

The Phonics Screening Check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to the expected standard. Year 1 teachers are responsible for using previous years practice papers to prepare their classes. In Year 2, there may be some children who did not reach the expected standard whilst in Year 1, and these children will to re-sit the phonics check again.

What happens during the Phonics Screening Check?

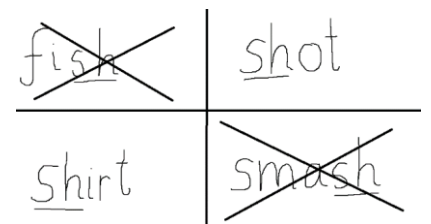
The Phonics Screening Check comprises of 20 real and 20 pseudo (nonsense) words, which the children read individually to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. Following the Phonics Screening Check, the children's results are reported to their parents. They will confirm if the child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected standard will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

crust	brend 
trails	throst 
strip	stret 
scraps	spraw 

Examples of 'nonsense words' and 'real words' in the Phonics Screening Check.

How to support your child:

- ✓ Reading every night for at least 10 minutes.
- ✓ Play lots of speaking and listening games with your child, such as guess the sound, Simon Says, or Eye-Spy.
- ✓ You could make games using paper and pencils, such as sound treasure hunts, memory games, bingo, sorting activities or play teachers.
- ✓ Speak to your child's class teacher for specific advice.



Useful Websites:

- ✓ <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/phonics-made-easy>
- ✓ <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - there are lots of free games on here and opportunities for your child to practise reading a mixture of real and nonsense words.