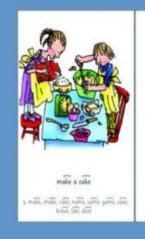
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents











Tuesday 17th April



What is phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching sounds. Children learn to:

- ➤ Recognise sounds that individual and groups of letters make.
- ➤ Blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.

Children can then use this knowledge to decode new words. This is the first important step to reading.

What is the phonics screening check?

The screen check is the Governments statutory assessment tool to analyse children's individual phonic knowledge. It will help the school to confirm whether your child has learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard and will identify sounds needing further consolidation in Year 2.

The Phonics Check will be administered the week beginning 4th June 2018.

What does the phonics screening check involve?

Children will be asked to read up to 40 words. These words contain a mixture of real words and pseudo words (alien words).

How will it be administered?



Approx. 10 minutes

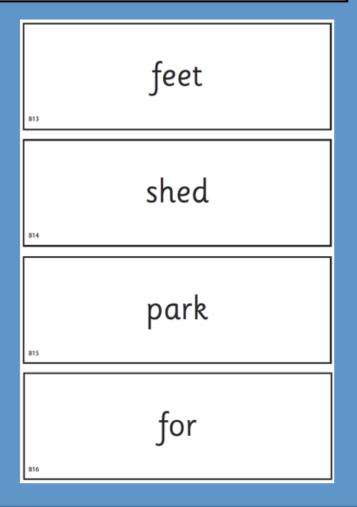
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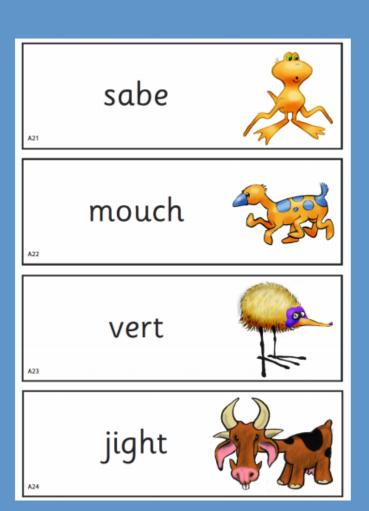
In the magical reading room!

1:1 with a teacher



Example words:





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ ZEBh1Bk&safe=active



Some things to consider:

- ➤You will be informed of your child's result at the end of the summer term.
- ➤If a child does not meet the set standard they will be retested at the end of Year 2 to check progress.
- ➤In the check conducted last year 32/40 words was the pass rate.

Last year over 70% of pupils passed the check in Year 1 at Highworth.

Sounds involved in the test:

Green ~ should know Yellow ~ need to practise



How will we prepare your child for the screening check?

As part of our RWInc phonics programme we teach phonics in a systematic order. Some of the sounds involved in the test may not have be taught at the current book level your child is working at. So...

Send home phonics revision packs



Play phonics games

Teach them all the sounds that could be in the PSC

One-to-one support for children who need it



Regularly assess your child using real and alien words



Supporting your child at home:

Analysis of the check showed us that areas to improve are:

- ➤vowel digraphs e.g. poil, groiks, baim These are known as 'special friends'.
- ➤ Split digraphs e.g. yune, flute These are known as 'chatty friends'.
- ➤ Please encourage children to <u>sound out</u> all words before blending. This is a phonics check and not a reading test.
- ➤ Use the speed sound cards sent home to continue to play games eg. pairs, eye-spy, phonetic Simon says.

PhonicsPlay.co.uk

Keep it fun!





Questions?





Thank you!