



BLOSSOMFIELD
Infant School

Dear Parents/Carers

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Year 1 Phonics Check

As mentioned in our phonics workshop in the Autumn term and our letter in the Spring term, the phonics screening check will be taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England in June. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.

The phonics check is designed to test the children's ability to recognise different phonemes within words and use this skill when reading. The screening test consists of 40 words which include 20 pseudo or alien words and real words in 2 sections.

We have attached a copy of an example test, which we would like you to go through with your child. The words that are alien have a picture of an alien next to them. The test allows your child to use sound buttons when they are reading so if they find this useful please encourage this. They can draw sound buttons if they want underneath the word before reading it. If it is a real word encourage your child to check that it makes sense.

The test is taken from the Oxford University Press Phonics Screening site. It is a useful, free resource where you can generate your own word lists and phonics screening tests. We would encourage you to go through a test with your child each week over the next few weeks.

<http://www.oxfordphonicschecksupport.co.uk/review?type=example>

Letters and sounds games are also good to revise phonemes and alternative pronunciations.

If you have any further questions about Year 1 phonics and how to support your child please do get in touch.

Thank you

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