Year 1 Phonics screening test

FEBRUARY 2022

Aims

- Have a clear understanding of what the phonics test will look like and when it will take place
- Understand how the phonics test will be administered
- Understand how the children will be prepared for the test
- Understand how you can support your child at home
- Understand how the results will be reported to parents
- Understand what happens if your child does not pass the phonics test in Year 1

Have a clear understanding of what the phonics test will look like

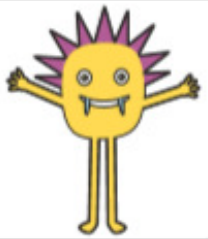
- The test will be administered during the week beginning 6th June 2022. During this week children will access the test on a 1:1 basis.
- The test is purely testing their phonics knowledge.
- The test is made up of 40 words, 20 of which are real and 20 words known as pseudo words (made up words) which the children will be asked to read.

Example paper



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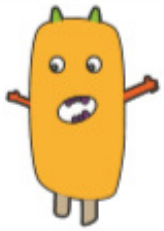
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Understand how the phonics test will be administered

- Test will be administered by a familiar adult
- 1:1
- Quiet space with no distractions

Understand how the children will be prepared for the test

- Children will not experience anything other than Quality first phonics teaching leading up to the test. It will be kept very low key and all children will have been given the best opportunities to be ready for the test.
- Children will be taught strategies to support them to access the test during their phonics lessons.
- Children will be encouraged to use sound buttons when completing the test as this is part of their normal approach to sounding out unknown words.

Understand how you can support your child at home

- Make reading fun
- Have your child help you read out everyday words around them like the shopping list.
- Encourage and support them to recognise when more than one letter make a sound E.G:

  car

Understand how the results will be reported to Parents/Carers?

- Pass marks will be made available to the school and this information can then be used to know whether the children have passed the test. These results will be collated as a school and submitted to the Local Authority.
- Results will be shared along with the children's end of year outcomes.

What happens if your child does not pass the phonics test in Year 1?

- **DO NOT WORRY!**
- We are interested in providing your children with a skill which will help them become readers, not pass a phonics test. Whilst we will do everything we can to give them the best opportunities of passing, if they don't the test will be re-administered when the child is in Year 2.
- Over this year, children may require some intervention to support their phonics.