

All Year 1 children across the country will complete the Phonics Screening Check during the same week in June. The Phonics Screening Check will take place on the week commencing Monday 14th June 2027. Any children who are absent during this week and therefore do not complete the check will be recorded as having failed.

The assessment checks if children can recognise the sounds they have been taught and can use them to decode and blend given words. Children will be given a selection of real and alien (nonsense) words to read that contain the sounds they have been taught in Phonics. The check is completed 1:1 with the child and their class teacher and consists of a mixture of 40 real and alien words. The children will have lots of practise at reading real and alien words in the classroom, so they are familiar with this activity by the time of the Phonics Screening Check.

To help you to support your child with their phonics development we will send home a selection of real and alien words each half term. These words will contain the sounds the children have learned that half term so they will be able to apply their phonic knowledge to read them.

These words could be used in a variety of ways, such as:

- read as a list
- cut up to make a game
- placed around the house to read as you pass them

Another great resource we use in school is www.phonicsplay.co.uk.

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Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions.