

## **Will I receive Screening Check results ?**

Once the checks have been carried out you will receive your child's results in the form of a mark out of 40 and overall outcome:

Wa - child took the phonic screening check and met the required standard.

Wt - child took the phonic screening check and did not meet the required standard.

## **Is any allowance made for age in the screening ?**

No, there is a certain standard and it is achieved or not achieved.

## **What will happen after the results ?**

All children are individuals and develop at different rates.

If your child has found the check difficult, we will explain what support we will be putting in place to help phonic development for the rest of the school year and into Year 2.

The areas which proved challenging will be shared with individual parents so that we can work together to offer support.

## **How you can help you child with phonics**

- Try to make time to read with your child every day.
- Encourage your child to "sound out" unfamiliar words and blend the sounds together.
- When your child reads an unfamiliar word , talk about what it means.
- Please record in your child's reading record book comments about how your child is using phonics in reading, any new vocabulary or any other useful comments for your child's teacher.

# Understanding Your Child's Y1 Phonics Screening Check 2016



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Department for Education introduced a phonics screening check for all Year 1 children in 2012.

The checks are for all Year 1 children and this year will take place during the week commencing 13th June 2016. This assessment for your child will give you the opportunity to see how your child is progressing with early reading.

In school we will use the screening check results to ensure that we plan appropriate support and challenge for your child in transition to Year 2.

We hope you will find this leaflet helpful. If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please speak either to Miss Holmes or myself.

**MissSmith**

Headteacher

### **What is phonics ?**

In order to support early reading children at our school are taught how to:

- recognize the sounds that each individual letter makes
- Identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make
- Blend the sounds together to make words
- Segmenting sounds (pulling apart sounds in words)

We use Jolly Phonics to support our teaching of Letters and Sounds from entry to our Foundation Stage / Reception Class. As you know your child received phonics teaching as part of the class and also in small groups twice a week in phonics groups to address their individual needs.

If you would like to find out more then pop in to have a chat or visit the Department for Education site.

[www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/pedagogy/phonics](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/pedagogy/phonics)

### **What is the Phonics Screening Check ?**

It is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It is carried out by your child's teacher. The children are asked to read 40 words aloud. Some may be real words others may be non words. Non words are used as they are a true test of decoding rather than reading from memory. **Example**

**words:**

**tox**

**chill**

**hooks**

**fape**

The children can sound out and then say the word or say the whole word straight away.

Children with good phonic knowledge and skills develop into good readers.