



Year 1 Phonics Screening Information for Parents/Carers

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What is phonics?

- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or 'phonemes'. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.
- Children have a 20mins phonics lesson each day and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- There are around 40 different sounds to learn.

Why do we screen phonics?

- Every child in the country will be taking the phonics screening check during the same week in June.
- The aim of the screening is to ensure all children have a good understanding of phonic blends covered since Reception.
- This 'midpoint check' will ensure we have a clear understanding of what the children need to learn in Year 2.

What will the children be expected to do?

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together.eg d-o-g – dog.
- This will be with their class teacher, in a relaxed and calm environment.
- The focus of the check is to see which sounds the children know and therefore the children will be asked to read made up 'nonsense' words.

RWI video-

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UIv63W9StE

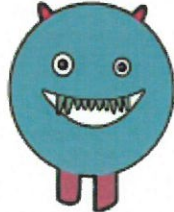
Examples of words

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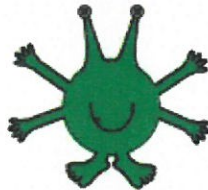
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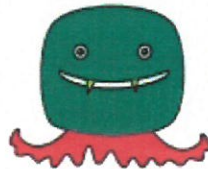
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What happens after the screening?

- Results will then be added to the national database and the Department of Education will then set the required pass score. For the past few years this has been 32 out of 40 but is subject to change.
- The children who do not reach the required pass mark, will be expected to repeat the screening again in Year 2 with a different set of words.

Jarrow Cross Results

- 2016- 84%
- 2017- 82%
- 2018- 90%

National average for 2018 was 81%

How can you help at home?

- **Read daily-** reading books, flash card words, sound mats. Lots of exposure to different and how sounds are blended together can really help your child.
- **Play games-** there are games online that can be accessed, free of charge, we will look at some now.

- **Phonics Play- Picnic on Pluto**
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ChildrensMenu.htm>
- **ICT Games- Dinosaur Eggs**
- http://www.ictgames.com/dinosaurEggs_phonics/index.html

YouTube have some really good videos to help with pronunciations of sounds. The children are already familiar with *Mr Thorn does Phonics*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aodJQr-WJLk>

You are welcome to ask any member of staff for help if you need it - don't be embarrassed – lots of adults do need support because phonics were not necessarily taught in this way when they were at school. We can provide some materials to help.

Thank you for listening.

Questions