

Phonics Screening at St. Anne's 2019

What is the Year 1 phonics screening check?


The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

What is in the phonics screening check?

There are two sections in this 40-word check and it assesses phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. Your child will do the test with Mrs Brown. The children will have the chance to do a practise test beforehand.

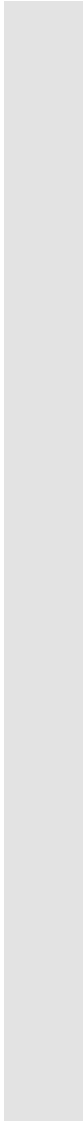
When does the phonics screening take place?


The Government requires that the check must be taken during the week commencing 10th June. A child may only take the check the following week if they are absent during check week.



What will happen during the screening check.

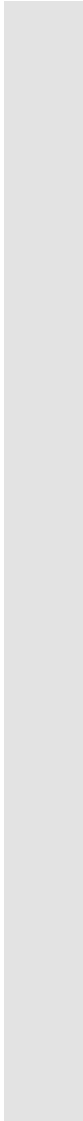
Each child will be taken into Mrs Brown's office where it is quiet and there are no disturbances. Your child will be given plenty of time to read through the words as there isn't a time limit. At the end of the check each child will be given lots of praise for trying their best as well as a well done sticker.





Which Phonics phase will the check focus on and what type of words will they be asked to read?

The check will focus on phases 2-5. They will be made up of alien words which are presented with a picture of an alien/nonsense and real words. The picture of an alien helps the child to realise that these words will not be words that they might recognise and may have read before.



When will the results be issued?

The results will be issued in the end of year reports. You will not receive a score but will just be told if your child has passed. Last year the pass mark was 32 out of 40. Any child that does not receive the standard threshold will sit the 2020 screening check when they are in Year 2.

How can I support my child out of school?

The most important thing you can ever do for your child as regards their education is listen to them read every night. It is important that they practise blending of sounds when reading new words. Eventually, after enough practise, your child will recognise words instantly.

Always encourage your child to practise reading and spelling the words in the word wardrobes which are sent home. Keep revising phonics covered in previous weeks to ensure that your child does not forget what they have learnt.

Useful websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Please google Ruth Miskin training – The phonics screening check.