



Year 1 Phonics workshop

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Aims of the meeting

- What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening?
- Parental support
- What does the test look like?
- Sample phonic lesson and ways you can help.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

- The Government requires all children in Year 1 to undertake the phonics screening.
- Designed to test reading skills based on the children's ability to decode simple words based on their phonic knowledge.
- The Government defines the screening as “short, light-touch assessments” that take about four to nine minutes to complete.
- The idea is that it will help the school identify the children who need extra support with reading so we can put the appropriate support in place.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

- The test is administered one to one by a teacher known to the children.
- We will know a couple of weeks later what the pass mark will be and then will identify the children who have 'passed'.
- Children who do not pass will need to take the test again next summer when they are in Year 2.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

- **Parents** will be informed of the outcome in July when we send out the children's reports.
- **Children** will not be informed of the result. They will not even know they are being 'tested' as it will just be part of their everyday classroom activities.

Parent role

- Parents play an important role in pupil achievement.
- Parents can have a massive impact on this achievement.
- There are lots of factors influencing a child's success at school.

Effects of parents/effects of schools

Achievement

parents / school effects

Age 7

0.29 / 0.05

Age 11

0.27 / 0.21

Age 16

0.14 / 0.51

Parents who are involved and informed
have 6x more effect than school at KS1!

“It is widely recognised that if pupils are to maximise their potential from schooling they will need the full support of their parents.”

Charles Desforges 2003