

Phonics screening check

What is the phonics screening check?

All **year 1** pupils in England take the phonics screening check. It's done in school by our staff.

The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5 to 10 minutes. Some words are real words and others are nonsense, or 'alien', words that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before.

The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
 - Where to provide additional teaching and support
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When will it be happening?

Year 1 will do the phonics screening check this week, the week of **12 to 16 June 2023**.

Do we get to know the results?

We have to report the results to Sefton by Friday 21 July 2023. We'll also inform you of your child's results within their end of year school report. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year during the Summer term of Year 2. This assessment is nothing to worry about. Your child has been receiving daily Phonics lessons since September and they have had lots of opportunities to practise previous phonics screening checks so they are familiar with the style of structure.

The results don't count towards any league tables.

Do we need to prepare at home?

No – your child is being taught phonics at school and no special work at home is needed.

However, you can always help your child by:

- Reading to and with them
 - Playing sound and reading games
 - Teaching them new words, and showing them how they're written
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Contact the school

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the phonics screening check, please contact your child's class teacher, Miss Au (Key Stage 1 Lead/English Lead) or Miss Wainwright (Phonics Lead).