

## Year 1 Phonics Meeting

### Information for Parents

- What is Phonics?

Phonics is one of the ways in which we teach reading in EYFS & KS1 (Reception - Year 2) and it focuses upon children's knowledge and ability to apply their letter sound knowledge including individual and groups of letters called phonemes to read words.

- The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

In 2012, the government introduced a Year 1 Phonics check which is aimed at assessing the children's phonic knowledge through a reading check. It will be administered week beginning 11th June 2018. It is carried out with all Year 1 pupils.

There are 40 words altogether – 20 real words and 20 pseudo words, which are nonsense words. These words are groups of phonemes together and the idea is that the children will use their phonic knowledge to decode them or sound them out.

The check is administered on a 1-1 basis with the class teacher (1JH/KG – Mrs Hawker or Mrs Golby and 1SP – Mrs Panesar). The children will not be made to feel under any kind of pressure and usually enjoy the time reading with the class teacher.

Parents will be informed if their child has met the required standard – pass rate has been 32/40 in previous years, although this has not been confirmed for the check in 2018. If a child does not meet the required standard, it will be addressed in Year 2 through an intervention group.

- Ways to help at home

- Practise reading High Frequency and Tricky words regularly.
- Learn spellings/phonics home learning – these will be coming home next term and will include words related to phonics.
- Read daily with your child and encourage them to sound out unfamiliar words using their phonic knowledge. Use the sound mats as prompts when reading.

- Choose a phoneme – write some words with the phoneme for children to read and spell. Say/show a sentence with words containing phonemes and ask your child to spell then read the sentence.
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) has lots of phonics games which are free to use. These games include sentence substitution, reading and sorting real and nonsense words. The children are used to using this resource in school it is great to use if you have internet access at home.
- [www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)
- [www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures)

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