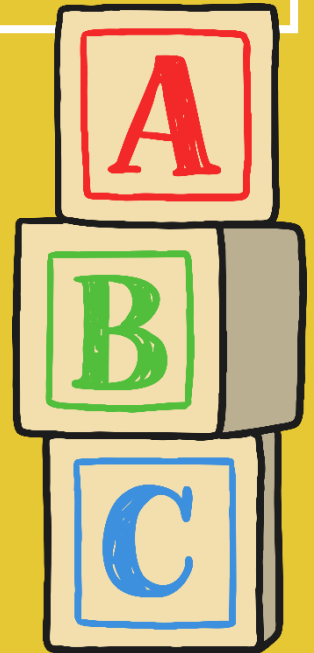


Year One

Phonics Screening Check

A Guide for Parents
LINSLADE LOWER SCHOOL



What is Phonics?

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in early years, both nursery and reception. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words. They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words.



What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to the standard expected at the end of Year 1.

The check will take place in June. Any children who do not meet the threshold mark will retake the test in Year 2.

Children in Oak Class have daily phonic lessons to teach the skills they need to decode words. Some children have additional sessions to help them remember and use the skills and knowledge taught in whole class sessions.

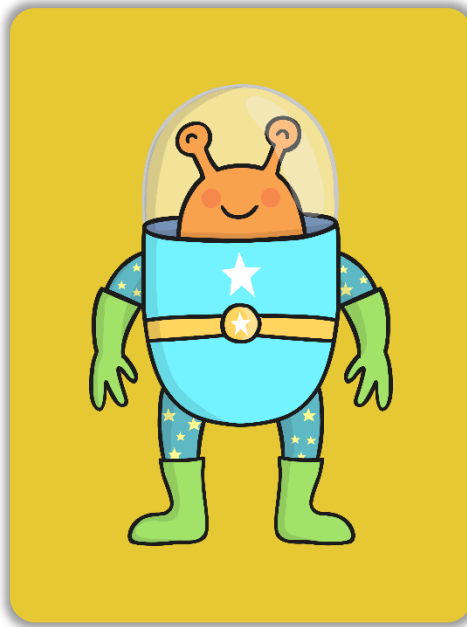
What happens during the test?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to Mrs Corbett. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 alien words.



Alien words

The alien words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien, so the children are aware that they are not real words. Alien words are included as they enable the skill of sounding out and blending to be assessed, as the children will not have come across these words before.



How Can I Help My Child at Home?

- Practise practise practise sounding words!
- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child:
<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- Read as much as possible to and with your child. The children can practise sounding words out.
- Please use the resources that will be sent home to support you child.

If you have any questions about the Year 1 phonics screening check, please contact Mrs Corbett or Mrs Farlam on the email address:

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Many thanks for your support!