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## Year 1 Phonics screening check

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 5-10 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

The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We'll let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

## **When will it be happening?**

**Year 1** will do the phonics screening check in **June 2022**.

## **Do we get to know the results?**

We have to report the results to Plymouth City Council by the end of Summer term. We'll also let you know the results via a letter. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year when they are in Year 2.

## **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.

We will also be sending each Year 1 child a Read Write Inc pack to practice at home with you. In this pack there will be a variety of words, some of these will be 'alien' words for your child to decode and sound out. We would be grateful if you could practice these with your child at least 3 times a week. This does not always have to be in a formal manner, it can be in the car on the way to a day out, when getting ready for school or when out on a walk.

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the phonics screening check, please let us know.




















Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss E Humphries and Mrs N Gray  
Year 1 Class Teachers

<b>Real Words</b>	
chain	mixer
drift	slide
pound	queue
jazz	newt
fuzzy	clown
crept	thump
fuel	knock
stroke	author
feeling	haystack
shortest	cabbage

## Nonsense Alien Words

yoop		lazz	
olf		quipe	
smeck		chirt	
jimp		scroy	
blies		faum	
blate		spreet	
dox		melp	
glisp		shound	
cripe		thoft	
jigh		frue	