



**Workshop for
Parents
22nd March 2022**



Aims of Today

- To share the importance of reading
- To give a brief outline of what Phonics is
- To inform and explain the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- To share the correct pronunciation of phonemes
- To share activities that would be useful to support your children at home

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Naev & Herman, 1987)

PHONICS IS THE KEY

To Reading + To Writing

- Children need to be able to hear sounds
- Phonics is about children knowing how letters link to sounds (graphemes to phonemes)
- Phonics is the quickest and easiest way to learn how to read and write fluently and accurately



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

- A national statutory assessment for all children in Year 1 – first time in June 2012
- To take place during a week **June 2022**
- Phonics check is designed to confirm whether children have learnt phonics decoding to an appropriate standard – not a reading test
- Administered in a quiet room with a familiar teacher 1-1

Phonic assessment

Practice sheet: Real words

in

at

beg

sum

Practice sheet: Pseudo words

ot



vap



osk



ect



Phonics Screening Check

- The Phonics Screening Check comprises of a list of 40 words
- The list is a combination of both real words and pseudo- words – 20 of each
- Using pseudo- words allows this assessment to focus purely on decoding using phonics
- Pseudo- words shown with pictures of imaginary creatures next to them

Phonics Screening Check

- Reporting results of the Phonics Screening Check to parents
- Parents will be informed by the end of the summer term whether their child has achieved the required standard
- Information will be sent home with the annual school report

Phonics activities to play at home

- Play Phonics games
- Blending games
- Magnetic letters
- Alphabet poster – focus on phonemes
- Use a puppet to ‘sound talk’
- I spy with my little eye
- Sound Bingo



Phonics At Home

- Phoneme Frame
- Phoneme Count
- Sound Buttons
- Phonics homework
- Reading regularly
- Bug Club

Useful Websites to use at home

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk – free phonics play
- www.familylearning.org.uk – phonic game choice
- www.ictgames.com/literacy
- www.iboard.co.uk/activities/path/phonics - some free activities and games (ones without the + sign)



Watch and share
video found on the
school website.

<https://www.williammaustininfants.co.uk/phonics-1/>

How to help your child at home with phonics

Read school reading books regularly with your child and encourage children to sound out any new words that they do not know. If you come across a sound that your child is unfamiliar with record it in the reading record and possibly think of other words that contain this sound and get your child to practise reading these to help consolidate this sound. Don't forget that all reading books contain tricky words like to, me, the, people which cannot be sounded out.

Keep it fun and engaging. English is a tricky language to learn.

Make sure children say each sound correctly without the 'uh' on the end or they will find it tricky to put sounds together (blend). Please see the school website if you need to hear how the sounds (phonemes) are pronounced.

Give clear praise giving an example of what your child did well.

Example- "Well done! You said the digraph ___ correctly!"

Games and activities to play at home

Blending (putting sounds together to read new words)

1) Sound talk I spy.

Adult- "I spy with my little eye a r-ai-n-b-ow"

Child -"rainbow!"

2) Flashcard words on bits of paper- How many can they segment and blend in a minute?

3) Hot potato game- (You will need a pile of words with known sounds in them and 2 cards with the hot potato on). Play together, you read a word then your child. If you pick up the hot potato you must put all the cards back in the middle. The winner is the person with the most word cards.

4) Roll and read-(You will need a 1-6 die and a 4X6 grid). Write some words with the sound (phoneme) that your child is learning (see their weekly homework) write words in the grid and then get your child to roll the die. They then read the word in the column that they have rolled.

5) Sound buttons- Children read the word by segmenting and blending. Children then draw dots and dashes under each sound to represent it. Example- three |

Segmenting (breaking words up into sounds to help spell them)

1) Building words using letters from magazines or using lower case magnetic letters.

2) Plastic cups- write letters on the cups and get your child to build words that you say.

3) Hangman- children guess letters considering the phonemes that they have learnt and where these are normally found in words.

Interactive Games

Phonics play has a range of free games which the children can access. You do not need to subscribe unless you want the extra games. The children are familiar with lots of these games through their teaching.



The phonics screening check focuses on phase 2, 3, 4 and 5. The children can play games to practise these phases.

Games to Try

1. Picnic on Pluto
2. Pick a Picture
3. Dragons Den
4. Buried Treasure
5. Sentence Substitution

Some of these games allow your children to practise segmenting and blending words which are not real. These encourages them to use their phonic knowledge.



**Thanks everyone for
supporting us and
please help your child at**

