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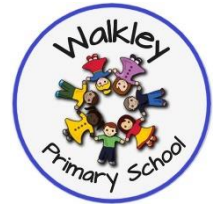
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15th October 2021

Phonics screening check for Y2 pupils during Autumn Term 2

What is the phonics screening check?

All **year 1** pupils in England take the phonics screening check in June every year and it is done in school with our staff.

This year, all **year 2** pupils will also be doing the check – this is because the check was cancelled last school year due to COVID-19.

Before then we would like to invite you to a virtual Zoom meeting where we will explain the way the check is administered and the aims of the test. We will also share with you some of the materials from previous tests and discuss and hopefully address any of your questions or concerns.

The virtual meeting will take place at 5pm on Monday 15th November 2021. The link for the meeting is:

Topic: Phonics Screening Autumn 2 2021

Time: Nov 15, 2021 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95781740575?pwd=cm95bUE4cUZPTDFWbEZITIY0cEZWZz09>

Meeting ID: 957 8174 0575

Passcode: TUg2R3

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 and we will contact 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**.

Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



Year 2 will do the check during the second half of the **autumn term** in the week beginning 22nd November 2021.

Do we get to know the results?

We have to report the results to Sheffield City Council by the end of the autumn term (Year 2) or summer term (Year 1). We'll also let you know the results at this time.

If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go in the summer term.

Do we need to prepare at home?

Phonics is taught at WPS through Read, Write Inc. There is no expectation that you will prepare your child for this screening.

However, you can always help your child by:

- Asking them about Fred and how Fred reads words
- Reading to and with them
- Playing sound and reading games
- Teaching them new words, and showing them how they're written
- A fun place to practice sound blending: Click on the icon to access the website:



Contact the school

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the phonics screening check, please contact us as enquiries@walkley.sheffield.sch.uk

Yours Faithfully

Mr Wallis

Deputy Headteacher