

Phonics Screening Check

Winnersh Primary School



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What is Phonics?

Phonics is an effective way of teaching children to read. By ensuring high quality phonics teaching, we want to improve literacy levels and give all children a solid base to build on as they progress through school.

Through phonics, children are taught how to:

- recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes
- identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make, such as 'sh' or 'oo'
- blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word
- Children can then use this knowledge to 'decode' new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.



What is Phonics?

- ▶ At Winnersh we teach phonics through the Monster Phonics Programme



- ▶ More information can be found on the school website.



What is the phonics screening check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June.

This will be week beginning 9th June 2025.

Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.



What happens during the test?

- ▶ The test contains 40 words.
- ▶ Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher.
- ▶ The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.
- ▶ The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).



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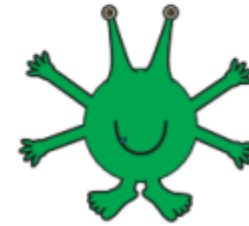
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Pseudo words (nonsense words)

- ▶ The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien so they know that it is not a real word.
- ▶ Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.
- ▶ Children have regular practice reading pseudo words as part of their daily phonics lessons.



Reporting to parents

- ▶ By the end of the summer term all schools must report each child's results to their parents/carers.
- ▶ They will also confirm if the child has met the standard threshold.
- ▶ Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.
- ▶ You will receive your child's result in the end of term report in July.



How can I help my child at home?

- ▶ Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- ▶ Encourage your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words.
- ▶ Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.
- ▶ Use the Monster Phonics screening check tool - a link to this is on the school website.



How to find the Monster Phonics Screening Tool



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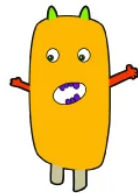
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