

## **Year 1 Phonics Screening Support Pack**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here is a pack of information and support materials, designed to help both you and the children with their phonics screening.

The phonics screening is a relatively simple process. Individually, the children will be given 40 decodable words (words that can be sounded out). This will consist of some real words and some 'alien' words that are not real. The purpose is for the children to sound out each word, saying every sound before blending the word together and saying it as a whole word. This is for the children to demonstrate that they can identify every sound and use them together to form words. This will be carried out with an adult that the children are familiar with, such as Mrs Bennett or Mrs Bown. The children are very familiar with this activity as we practice it frequently in class.

The tests will be carried out during the week beginning Monday 8th June 2026.

Children get a correct mark if they say each sound correctly and blend them together correctly. They must do both aspects correctly to earn the mark. The pass mark has been 32 out of 40 for the last three years, however, this can always change. Your child's results will be included in their End of Year Report. If your child does not pass, they will retake the phonics screening test at the end of Year 2.

I have attached a copy of the Level 3 and Level 5 sounds. Level 5 sounds are taught during Year 1. I have also attached a copy of some real and alien decodable words. These are an example of the words that may crop up in the screening test. Please use these to practice with. I have also attached a copy of the parent information sheet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Best wishes,

Mr Jones