



November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

During the week commencing 23rd November there will be a 'check' for all Year 2's to check their current knowledge of phonics. The screening would previously have been done in Year 1, however due to Covid 19, this was not possible. The Government would like all Year 2 children to take the phonics screening check this term.

Phonics is one of many ways in which children learn to read. In recent years the government has given the teaching of phonics a higher profile than other valuable recognised methods of learning to read.

The check will take place with your child and their class teacher, one to one, in a quiet room. They will be asked to sound out and then read 40 words aloud. Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be non-sense words. Non-sense words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the nonsense words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. We will also email you some resources, which will support your child's understanding of phonics at home.

When reading with your child it is very helpful to encourage them to spot the diagraphs e.g. 'ai' as in waiting and trigraphs e.g. 'igh' as in sigh.

For further practice please look at: www.jollylearning.co.uk
www.oxfordowls.co.uk
www.phonicsplay.co.uk

On the back of this letter you will see the list of words from previous 'screenings'. The words will be different this year but you may find it useful, as a guide, especially when practising the 'non-sense' words.

Once the check has been completed we will inform you about how your child has progressed in their annual report, and how to support your child's phonic development. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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2015 words

Word	Word
fip	yair
pon	blies

hab	keam
ulb	whape
dab	braft
chob	thrant
nurt	sprop
queet	strow
plap	law
froin	glued
melp	zoom
heent	rice
shed	grand
long	cloaks
soil	scrap
chart	strike
crab	river
fresh	diving
wink	beehive
shuts	midnight

2016 Words These words were presented in this order for last year's test. The children sound out the word and then blend it. They are presented on large cards and the non-sense words have a picture of an alien creature too.

Word	Word
lig	jigh
mep	woats
gax	rird
emp	phope
beff	glips
shup	floost
doil	splam
charb	strobe
frex	stair
criff	haunt
haps	lied
barst	wove
chin	drank
deck	treats
horn	scram
queen	stroke
tram	arrow
press	forest
self	wishing
keeps	brighter

