

Phonics Reading Check for Year One children

The National phonics screening check is a statutory assessment that was introduced in 2012 for all Year 1 children and is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. Children will take the screening check in June.

The phonics screening check comprises of a list of 40 words and nonsense words. It will assess phonics skills and knowledge learnt through reception and year 1. Your child will read one-to-one with their teacher. They will read up to 4 words per page and they will probably do the check in 10-15 minutes. They will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during their Read Write Inc lessons.

Statutory National Curriculum Assessments 2016

Children in Year 2 will no longer be required to take SATS tests, these have however been replaced with National Curriculum Assessments in Mathematics, English Reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling

As a school we aim to make these assessments as normal an experience as possible. We will prepare the children through by practicing the type of work involved and introducing them to working in a more formal environment. We encourage children to try their best and not to worry about the process. We will not tell them what day they will take part in the tasks or tests and would ask parents to be as positive about the process as possible.

Closer to the date we will ensure you have more information about how you can help your child at home, with either the new national curriculum tests or Phonics screening check.

Welcome to Year 1 & 2

Mrs Wells



Information for Parents

Class Information:

- **Start of the day** - Class teachers will be on the yard from 8.45am to welcome children and parents and to briefly discuss any concerns. Should you wish to speak about an issue in further detail, please make arrangements to speak with Mrs Wells after school.
- The bell will ring at 8.55am and children will be taken through to their classrooms. Please help me to encourage your child to be independent, by saying your goodbyes on the playground and encouraging your child to carry his or her belongings themselves!
- **End of the day** - School finishes at 3.15pm with children being collected from the playground. As the weather turns colder I will dismiss the children from the classroom door, therefore please make yourself visible as children will not be dismissed until I can clearly see the adult collecting them. If for whatever reason parents are not able to collect their child at the end of the day, please let class teachers know who you have delegated this responsibility to.
- **PE** - Children do PE twice a week, usually on a Tuesday and Friday, however from time to time these days may change. We therefore encourage children to have PE kits in school at all time. PE kits consist of Arkwright Primary PE t-shirt and shorts, or plain white t-shirt and dark shorts, plimsoles/trainers.
- **Jewelry** - should not be worn for school, please. For your child's personal safety, earrings should not be worn for PE, therefore please remove them at home prior to your child coming to school. Children with newly pierced ears should come to school with suitable tape or plasters, for the period until they can safely be removed.
- **Money** - Dinner money, contributions towards trips etc. should be in a named envelope, which your child should hand to their teacher.
- **Clothing** - Please label all of your child's clothing so that it can be reunited with them if lost.
- **Drinking water** - Your child should bring a named sports type water bottle to school so that they can drink water throughout the day. Please note that as we are a healthy school we recommend water only - no fizzy drinks or juice.
- **Toys** - As we cannot guarantee they will not get lost or broken, please do not allow your child to bring toys into school.
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- **Reading at home** - Children will be heard read daily as part of their Read Write Inc and English lessons, this will not be recorded in their reading record. Reading books help to extend your child's learning at home, please encourage your child to change their book regularly. They will be shown how to do this at the start of the school year. Reading records will be checked every Friday to monitor reading at home.
- **Illness** - Please do let us know if your child is ill and cannot attend school. You can do this by leaving a message with Mrs Mills on 01246 234018.
- **Homework** - Children will have weekly spellings which will be given on a Friday to be tested/checked the following Friday. 1 piece of maths homework and 1 piece of short English homework will be given on Thursday to be returned by Monday. Once per half term children will also have a writing project linked to their topic.

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be expected to:

- Begin to work independently and in small groups in Year 1 and for longer periods of time in year 2.
- Work with others, sharing ideas and listening to the ideas of others.
- Take responsibility for their own belongings and actions.

You can help your child this year by:

- Reading together and sharing books at home.
- Working with them to practice spellings or homework activities.
- Talking about everyday maths such as money, telling the time and measuring weights and lengths and recognising shapes.

Topic work in Year 1 & 2

Autumn 1	What was it like to live in Arkwright 100 years ago?
Autumn 2	What is our school made of?
Spring 1	What would Dora the Explorer find exciting about Arkwright?
Spring 2	How will 5 a day help me to be healthy?
Summer 1	What was it like when the queen came to the throne?
Summer 2	Where did that racket come from?

Further information about each topic and how you can help your child at home will be sent at the start of each half term.