



Temple Meadow
Primary School
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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 1 Phonics Screening

As you will be aware, pupils in Year 1 have been working very hard in their Phonics this year, working towards their Phonic Screening Check which will commence on Monday 6th June 2022. It is crucial that your child attends school every day during this week.

What is Phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read. They are taught how to:

- Recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes
- Identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make e.g. sh and oo
- Blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.

Children can then use this knowledge to segment and blend new words that they can hear or see.

The Phonic screening check comprises of a list of 40 words that children read one-to-one with a teacher. The list is a combination of both real and made up, nonsense words which rely purely on using phonics to decode. The nonsense words are words that have been made up and will be shown with a picture of an imaginary creature to help them.

The Phonics Screening Check will take place on a one to one basis but the children will largely be unaware of it being a test and have already participated in some practice ones.

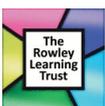
After the check, we will tell you about your child's progress in Phonics and how your child has progressed in the screening check as part of their end of year report. The screening check ensures that teachers understand which children need extra help with phonic decoding in Year 2.

An example of a Phonics screening check test has been given to the pupils to complete during half term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Headteacher Years 1-2



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