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## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, all children in Year 1 throughout the country will be taking part in a Phonics Screening Check during the same week in June. The Phonics Screening Check is designed to confirm whether individual children have acquired phonics decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

### What happens during the screening?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will work one-to-one and read each word aloud to their teacher or another familiar member of staff. 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 that the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

### Results

Your child's result will be shared with you alongside their school reports in the Summer Term. The children who have not yet achieved the expected level may have additional interventions in the future to support their phonics and reading and they may be asked to retake the test when they are in Year 2.

### How can I help my child at home?

- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

You can also find some useful information on 'Helping Your Child' section of the school website, including some helpful videos:

<https://www.chestertonprimaryschool.org.uk/supportingYourChild.php>

You can also find the videos by following this link:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/phonics-videos/>

Beech Class have been working hard to practise their Phonics skills and they are confident with reading 1:1 with a familiar adult. As you are aware, from Reception to Year 1, the children have been learning Phonics daily, alongside learning weekly spellings. We also read with the children every week, sometimes 1:1 and sometimes in a reading group.

Therefore, you do not need to 'prepare' your child for the screening test; please just continue to read regularly at home and support your child to learn their weekly spellings. If however, you would like to do some practise, an example of the screening has been attached so that you can see the types of words that the children will be asked to read.

Kind regards,

Mrs Evans



# Phonics Screening Practice List

## Real Words

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chill

blank

start

scribe

l

best

phone

grit

whisk

shin

dentist

a

gang

starling

week

day

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hooks

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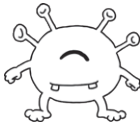






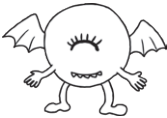










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# Phonics Screening Practice List

Nonsense Alien Words			
steck		bim	
hild		vap	
quemp		spron	
geck		blurst	
ulf		voo	
chom		snemp	
tord		fape	
thazz		jound	
blan		stroft	
tox		terg	