



YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING 2023

Embsay Primary School

What is phonics?

- Children begin to learn phonics in Early years. Once children begin learning sounds, they use this knowledge to read and spell words.
- Children are taught the skill of blending alongside recognition of letters to enable them to decode unfamiliar words. Gaining confidence with decoding gives children the motivation to read independently.
- Phonics is only one aspect of reading: the ability to read for meaning, to comprehend the text, is essential to move from learning to read to reading to learn.

When will the test be?

- The phonics screening will take place in the week beginning 12th June 2023. They will be spread out in the week, so children may do them on different days.
- For any children who are absent, they can be tested until 23rd June 2023.

During the test

- The test contains 40 words.
- Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to their teacher.
- The test will take about 10 minutes, but children will complete it at their own pace.
- The list of words is a combination of 20 real and 20 pseudo words (alien words).

chop

sing

dart

shock

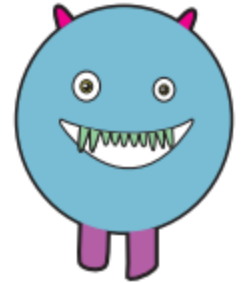
Pseudo Words (alien words)

- The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien.
- Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils and do not favour children who have a good vocabulary or visual memory of words, therefore just test their phonics.

skap



blorn



meft



veems



Sound buttons

- We blend graphemes in words in order to read.
- The dog was r u n n i n g down the road. Sound buttons are a useful tool to use when blending to read.
- During the test, your child will be able to add sound buttons to the words if they wish. This can support them to sound out the words. They will then need to blend the sounds together which they have to remember to do independently.

How can I help my child?

- It is really helpful to read as much as possible with your child at home.
- Support them to sound out and blend words together- you could encourage them to add sound buttons to words as well.
- Play phonics games with them and use phonic mats which are sent home to help them recap and learn the sounds.
- Use the resources that have been sent home with your child.