



ELSTON HALL

Primary School

Phonics Screening Meeting 2018

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Phonics at Elston Hall

- Children have a 25mins phonics lesson each day.
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or 'phonemes'. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.
- They are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- There are around 40 different sounds (phonemes).





These are the phonemes that children are taught and need to know for the phonics screening.



Some have more than one way of pronouncing the sound. Children have also been taught the alternatives pronunciation.

For example
 ow- as in cow
 or ow as in snow
 ie as in tie
 or ie as in field

Why are the children being screened?

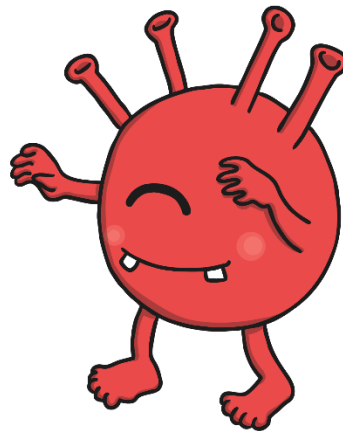
- Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the phonics screening check in the same week in June – **WB. 11th June.**
- It is very important that your child is in school this week.
- The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.
- This 'midpoint check' will ensure that we have a clear understanding of what the children need to learn in Year **2**.

What will the children be expected to do?

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- The test contains 40 words.
- Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to a teacher.
- 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 the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

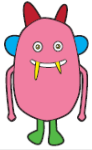
Pseudo Words (Nonsense words)

- The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien.
- This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have.
- Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.



Examples of words

vol



quiz

braft



river

teg



back

thrant



diving

jat



doom

sprop



beehive

ind



short

strow



midnight

Will I be told my child's score?

- Once all children have completed the check the data will be submitted.
- Pass rate in previous years has been 32/40, however, we will not be made aware of the pass rate until all scores have been sent off.
- You will be notified whether your child has met the expected standard once the results are back.
- If your child does not meet the expected standard they will retake the test in Year 2.

How can you help?

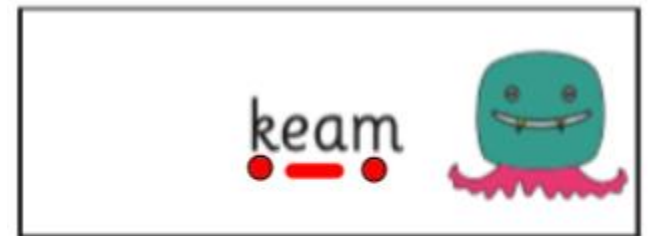
- Encourage your child to 'sound out' when reading or writing. Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns.

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound. cow

Trigraph- 3 letters making one sound. night

Split digraph- 2 vowels with a consonant in between. Use to be known as the magic e. spine - i_e

Children can draw the sound buttons/ bars on the words to help them read them.



- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like 'Buried Treasure' and Picnic on Pluto

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>



Questions?

