



SUMMERHILL
INFANT SCHOOL

Phonics Screening Check

Information session

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Phonics at Summerhill Infant School

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) from Reception.

These sounds are used to blend together to read words.

s – a – t

t – ea

r – oa – s – t

At Summerhill Infant School we follow the Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme which lays out the order of sounds to learn.

Children move through the coloured levels as their phonic knowledge and reading progresses.

All children in Year 1 have already practised previous year's checks and are familiar with what to do.

The National Phonics Screening Check

[Bing Videos](#)

Children in Year 1 across the country will all be taking part in the phonics check in the same week in June.

The check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to the expected standard.

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one to one with their class teacher and read each word aloud.

20 of the words are real words and 20 are pseudo words. This is designed to test the children's ability to decode words they have not seen before.

brend



throstr



stret



spraw



label

vanish

blossom

thankful

Purpose and next steps

The results are used to identify which children need further support with phonics.

All parents will receive their child's score and whether they have met the expected standard. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test in Year 2.

The check is also designed to inform the school about phonics teaching and identify areas for development.

What you can do at home

Read as much as possible at home.

Encourage your child to have a 'good guess' at words and think about whether it sounds right.

Encourage your child to sound out and then blend. All sounds can be found in the middle of your child's reading record.

If your child comes home with a sheet of sound from their Read, Write Inc. group, please practise reading and writing words with that sound .



