

How can parents and carers help?

1. Use 'special Friends', 'Fred Talk', 'Read the word' to read words
2. Practise reading sounds speedily
3. Listen to your child read their story book every day
4. Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.



**Year 1
Phonics
Screening
Check**

What is phonics?

Since your child started at Chadsmead Primary Academy they have been taught phonics daily. Phonics are the sounds used to orally identify and make words. The sounds are then identified as letters to read and spell.

Who takes the phonics screening check?

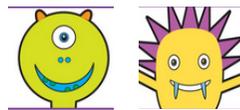
Throughout the country all children in Year 1 will take part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June which will test their ability to read the phonemes (sounds) that they have been taught. Some Year 2 children will also take part in the check if they did not achieve the required result when they were in Year 1.

What happens during the check?

Each child will sit with a teacher to read 40 words. The test will take about 2-5 minutes and during that time your child will read each word shown out loud. They will be asked to blend the sounds to read then say the word.

The test will contain a combination of real and pseudo (nonsense) words. The children know pseudo words as 'alien' words and will be able to recognise these by the pictures of aliens that go with them.

The purpose of this is to test the child on their ability to 'sound out' any



Reporting to parents and carers

The results of the phonics screening check will be reported to parents and carers by the end of the summer term. Parents and carers will also be notified at this stage if their child has met the required threshold and whether or not they will be required to retake the test in year 2.

Threshold scores

Threshold scores are not known by the school until after the checks have been completed. The required score will be revealed to the school some time after the tests.

