



Headteacher : H.Portrey

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Dear Parents/Carers

Phonics Screening Check for Year 2 pupils

Children in Year 1 normally take a Phonics Screening Test in the month of June. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all tests were cancelled in the last academic year.

The Department for Education has announced that, for the children that have missed this test in June, it will now be carried out whilst the children are in Year 2. We now need to complete these tests by the end of this term (so before we break up for Christmas).

The Year 2 staff have been working hard with all the children to make sure they will be as ready as they can be for the test. They have a phonics lesson every day. I will be conducting these tests myself, which take place on a one-to-one basis. I have worked with the children at various times on phonics since they were in Reception, so they are fairly used to me checking their knowledge. When they come to work with me, they will not be told it is a test. It will just be another opportunity for them to show me how well they are doing with their reading!

Examples of previous Phonics Screening Tests can be found online, at:
<https://www.gov.uk/education/phonics>.

Here you will find links to the materials from the 2017, 2018 and 2019 tests. There are 40 words in total, some of which are real and some nonsense (alien) words. The children are allowed to sound out the words (Fred talk them) first before reading them if they find this easier. The pass mark for the test is 32.

Once all tests have been completed, and results administered, we will be able to create a Results Document for each individual child. I would like to think test results will be available before we break up, however the tests will be taking place throughout December, so this timescale may be a little tight.

If a child does not pass the test this time, please do not worry; they have another opportunity to take the screening test again in June 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me at school on 01604 761456, or email me via enquiries@delapre.northants.sch.uk Please address your email to Mrs Leivers and entitle Phonics Screening.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

D Leivers (Mrs)
Assistant Headteacher

