

Wouldham All Saints School



Parents Information about the Phonics Check for Year Two Children – Term 2



What is it?

The purpose of the phonics screening check is to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Children that have not reached the required level will receive support to ensure they can improve their phonic decoding skills and then have the opportunity to retake the check at the end of year two.

When will it take place?

The Phonics check will take place before the end of Term 2 2020 due to missing the Year One check in June 2020 because of Covid-19

How?

The children have to read a selection of forty words. There will be a mix of real and pseudo words. Pseudo words (made up words) are used to test that the children are using their phonic knowledge to read and not reading words just by sight. Pseudo words such as – emp, coid, or preed.

We feel it is very important that the children ***do not feel pressured*** or ***anxious*** about the task and so the children will feel like they are joining in with a fun game. Please do not mention or add extra pressure to your child – they do not need to know that it is happening!

What do I need to do about it?

Continue supporting your child with their reading at home. Enjoy both school reading books and a rich diet of good books. Continue singing and playing with words.

How will I know how my child has done?

Information on the outcome of the check will be sent to you at the start of Term 3. If your child needs extra support to further develop their phonics skills then you will be informed of the appropriate steps the school will take and ways to support your child at home. They may also need to retake the check in June 2021.

*If you have any questions about the phonics screening check –
please arrange a chance to talk to your child's class teacher or Mrs Smajli 😊*