



KS1 Phonics Screening Check 2023





What is Phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully. They are taught how to:

- recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes;
- identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make such as /sh/ or /ee/;
- blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.

Children can then use this knowledge to 'decode' new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.





Phonics at Castercliff

At Castercliff Primary Academy we teach using Red Rose Letters and Sounds.

All children have a daily input of 25-30 minutes in the morning and a second re-cap session.

All children read with the teacher at least once a week whether this is 1:1 or in a small group.

Children may also receive extra support with their phonics through daily reading practice or a specific intervention.





What is the Phonics Screening Check

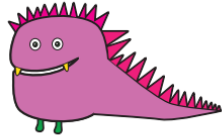
- Children in Year 1 throughout the country will be taking part in a phonics screening check the week of 12th June 2023.
- It is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.
- The test contains 40 words.
- Each child will sit one to one with a familiar adult and read each word aloud.
- The test approximately takes 10 minutes. All children are different and may complete the check at their own pace.
- The list of words the children read is a combination of real words and pseudo words (alien words.)
- By the end of the summer term, all schools must report their children's results to parents.
- Children who did not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in year 2.



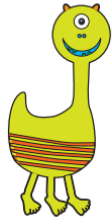
Examples

Alien Words

bem



dax



kig



Real Words

thud

hang

coin



How can you help?

- Reading with your child at home as much as you can.
- Encourage and praise when reading, always encourage the children to have a guess.
- Encourage the children to use their fingers to point to the sounds. This will help them to decode the word and ensure they do not miss any of the sounds out.
- Access the free phonics screening check app to practise at home.



Questions?

Please speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Murton or Miss Lauder if you have any questions.