

## Year One Phonics Test

In 2012, the Government will be introducing a Phonics Test for all year one children across the country.

## What is the test for?

The test is linked to Letters and Sounds and is designed to assess children's understanding of phonic decoding.

## When is the test?

Early June.

## Who will administer the test?

The test will be administered by your child's class teacher.

## How does the test work?

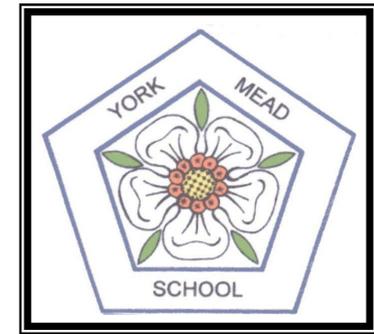
The children will be tested by a known adult. They will be tested on the reading of 40 words containing the letter sounds taught in Reception and Year One. The words will be a combination of real and 'alien' (made-up) words. (This helps to test children's decoding skills rather than sight reading. e.g.

**Real:** that, fish, found and market

**'Alien':** zep, chang, phlomp and shring

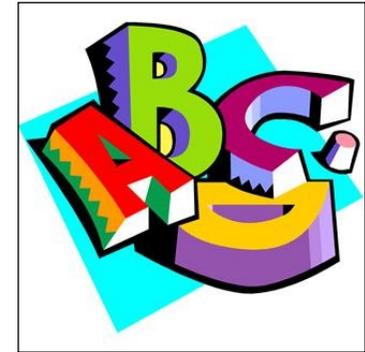


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Year 1

Phonics Booklet



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## What are Phonics?

There are about 44 sounds (made up from the 26 letters of the alphabet) that children learn in order to read and spell.

## Pure sounds

1. Say sounds correctly e.g. 'p' not puh, 'd' not duh...
2. Put sounds together to make simple words e.g.

C-oi -n , r-ai-n and c-oo-t  
etc

# Resources

In school we follow the Letters and Sounds Document which clearly outlines what children in each year group should be learning.

**Bug Club**

[www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)

We enhance this with the Phonics Bug and Jolly Phonics schemes of work.



## How can I help my child?

You can support your child in many fun ways by playing games

together and sharing books.

Linking reading to real life

situations helps pupils to make sense of their learning.

There are lots of phonic games that can be bought in high street shops, but playing games such as 'I spy' are equally as good .



Below are a list of useful websites to explore together.

## Useful websites:



[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.Oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.Oxfordowl.co.uk)

[www.Starfall.com](http://www.Starfall.com)

[www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)