



St Bernadette's  
Catholic Primary School

# Phonics Screening Test



# Why are the children being screened?

- Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the phonics screening check in the same week in June.
- The aim of the check is to ensure that all children are able to read by the end of Year two.
- This 'midpoint check' will ensure that we have a clear understanding of what the children need to learn in Year 2.



# What will the children be expected to do?

- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during our phonics lessons.
- Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together as in d-o-g dog.
- The focus of the check is to see which sounds (phonemes) the children know and then the children will be asked to read made up 'nonsense' words. The nonsense words are accompanied by an alien illustration. The children are familiar with the alien words through their daily phonics lessons.

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# Examples of words:

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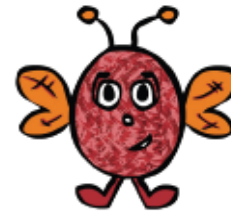
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# When will the screening take place?

- The screening will take place throughout the week beginning **Monday 8th June**. We would encourage all children to be in school this week. However, if your child is absent they are allowed to complete the test the following week only.
- The check has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.



# Who will complete the check?

- The children will complete the check one at a time in a quiet area of the school.
- Mrs Satterthwaite will conduct all of the screening checks with the children.
- The screening will only take 5-10 minutes with each child.



# How can you help?

- Encourage your child to 'sound out' when reading or writing. Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns.

Eg

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

COW

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound~

night

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant in-between. This was often referred to as the magic e!

spine - i\_e

•**REMEMBER:** Phonics is only one method needed to become a fluent reader.

•Please continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

•Sound out

•Re-read to check it makes sense.

•Use pictures for clues.

•Ask questions about the book -the handy bookmarks, linked to each colour book banding, will help with the comprehension of the text

•Most importantly..... **ENJOY READING!**





# How and when will I find out about the results of the test?

- In the Summer term, we will send a letter home outlining the results of the test and the next steps, if any, which may be needed for your child to become more secure with their phonics skills for reading.

Please don't hesitate in coming to have a chat with the staff if you need further advice or information regarding the test.

