



# OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

In June your child will take part in the Governments Phonics screening check. This will take place on a one to one basis with your child's class teacher. The check consists of reading a series of words, some of which are real and some are made up and will check your child's overall phonic awareness and understanding.

At Oak Hill, we allow the children every opportunity to gently prepare for this phonics test, by exposing them to the format, by allowing them to practice on their own and in a whole class situation and by providing them with sound phonics teaching through their normal day-to-day lessons and learning experiences.

Although we give the children every opportunity to do this, it is still important that you have the chance to support your child at home and be aware of what is going on. Several parents have asked how they can support their child, therefore in order to help prepare your child for the test we have provided some words from last years check for you to practise reading at home. You could have a go at reading them together and then sort them into real and alien words. Make a game with them by turning them face down on the carpet, pick them up and read them and see who can get the most words to win the game.

You could also write the supplied words on 4 boards and on slips of card. Turn the cards upside down. Take it in turns to turn over a card. If it matches your board – keep the word. Who is the first to fill their board?

A copy of your child's score and overall attainment from the test will be reported to you as part of your child's end of year report.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 team.