



Q&A from Key Stage 1 Phonics Screen Meeting : Tues 1st March 2016

1. How will the test be administered and how many questions are asked?
 - a. It will be 1-to-1 with their classroom teacher in a quiet room
 - b. It consists of 40 words (20 real and 20 “alien”)
2. What happens if they don't pass?
 - a. If they don't pass in Year 1, it can be retaken next year in Year 2.
3. Why do they have to take it?
 - a. It is a benchmark assessment for the whole school. It enables teachers to identify where children might need additional support in phonics.
4. What happens if the child cannot say the 'th' sound, for example.
 - a. The test is given by their classroom teacher so they will know what speech sounds the child can make. They will know if the child is saying the sound they would normally say for 'th'.
5. When is the test given?
 - a. We will begin the week of 13th of June, but specific dates are not set.
6. What can we do at home?
 - a. Oxfordphonicschecksupport.co.uk
 - b. Phonicsplay.co.uk (free games)
 - i. phase 3, 4, and 5
 - ii. Buried Treasure, Dragon's Den, Pick a Picture
7. Do they have to get it right the first time in the Phonics Screen?
 - a. No, they can self-correct, but we cannot prompt them to try again.
8. Do we get to know the results?
 - a. Results are included in the pupil's end of the year report.