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## **Phonic Screening Check**

Dear Parent / Carer,

All over England, children in Year 1 will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check in the **week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Each child will sit with a teacher and read each word aloud. The environment will be calm and comfortable and the check will last about 10 minutes. The check will be a mixture of real and made up 'alien' words.

### **How can I help my child at home?**

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html>
- Read as much as possible with your child.
- We held 2 workshops earlier this year for the phonic screening check. The presentation from these workshops can be found on our website - <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/noticeboard>
- Encourage and praise – If they get stuck on a word, get them to sound the word out phonetically and then read the word.
- Use the attached phonic cards to help your child practice.

### **Below are some useful links:**

- Free e-books for home reading: <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>
- Free phonics games: [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) (aim to be working on Phase 5 by June)
- Free (on a computer) reading games: <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- Free video tutorials on the Read Write Inc website - <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

If you have any questions about the Phonic Screening Check, please ask your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your support

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