Phonics at Senacre Wood Primary School





Read Write Inc



At Senacre Wood Primary School, we follow the Read Write Inc phonics programme, which encourages the children to:

- Understand that sounds are represented by written/printed letters
- Learn the letter formation for each sound following individual rhymes on the pictorial flashcards (ex: s 'slither down the snake')
- Learn the 44 sounds using simple pictorial flash cards which have rhymes accompanying the pictures (ex: 'ay' May I play?)
- Segment words into the different units of sounds
- Blend sounds together to read
- Recognise tricky words on sight

Read Write Inc



- In EYFS and KS1, children follow a daily phonics programme to create fluent, enthusiastic readers, confident speakers and willing writers.
- At the end of Year 1, pupils will also complete the compulsory Phonics Screening Check.
- In KS2, children that need further support will follow a daily literacy and language programme that equips them with the skills to read and understand texts confidently, write fluently, think critically and articulate thoughts and ideas clearly.

Words your child will hear and use themselves



- Phoneme the smallest unit of sound (ex: the sound m)
- Grapheme the smallest unit of written language (ex: the letter m)
- Digraph two letters that make one sound (ex: ng as in sing)



- Trigraph three letters that make one sound (ex: igh as in high)
- Split Digraph when a digraph is split by a consonant (ex: bite)

the



• 'Tricky words' – words you can't sound out and must learn by sight

(ex: said)



Phonics Screening Check



- Children in Year 1 throughout the country will be taking part in a phonics screening check during June.
- Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not receive the required results in June 2023.
- The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

visit fabric trapeze concrete The adult will use a tick in the correct/incorrect column to show whether the child has been successful.

2022

Phonics

Screening check: answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

Screening check responses: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

	Section 1			
W vd	Correct	Incorrect	Comment	
bem				
dax				
kig				
eld				
besh				
quab				
barp				
chell				
grux				
smung				
nesk				
foint				
thud				
hang				
coin				
shell				
twig				
flick				
vest				
horns				

Section 2					
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment		
vair					
cloat					
tirt					
whike					
plunt					
flards					
spran					
splew					
globe					
teams					
bowl					
chase					
print					
clouds					
spree					
stroke					
visit					
fabric					
trapeze					
concrete					

Total correct



The adult may leave a comment in the comment box to record how the child has pronounced the word. This helps us to fill in any learning gaps.

What happens during the check?



- The check contains 40 words 20 real and 20 pseudo (nonsense/alien) words.
- Your child will sit with a familiar adult and will use their phonic knowledge to sound out, blend and say the words in front of them.
- The test will take approximately 10 minutes although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.
- If needed, the child can be given breaks whilst doing the test.

Results and Reporting to Parents



- Schools are required to share their child's results with parents. At Senacre Wood, we include these results in your child's end of year report.
- Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.
- Results from the check are used by schools to analyse their own performance and for Ofsted to use in inspections.

How you can help at home



- Play lots of sound and listening games
- Read as much as possible to and with your child
- Encourage and praise your child
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each letter. For example, /c/ in cat or the letter group /ng/ in sing. Next move your finger under the whole word as you say it
- Discuss the meaning of the words if your child does not know what they have read

How you can help at home



- If your child is struggling to sound out and blend words share the reading! Read a word/sentence each, that way you are modelling how you would like them to read – point to the sounds whilst sounding aloud, exaggerating the blending, and point to tricky words as a whole saying the word out-loud
- Where words are longer, ask your child to point to the digraph/trigraph/split digraph in the word first before sounding out...
- Play games "how many times can you spot the 'ay' digraph in the book?" "How many tricky words can you spot?"

https://www.youtube.com/w atch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q

The sounds are taught in a *pure* way. Let's watch a video that explains what this sound like.

Useful websites



Youtube clips by Read Write Inc which include:

'Information for parents how to say the sounds'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q

• Free phonics games – *Phonics Play*

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm

• Free phonics games - ICT Games

http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html