

**Welcome to the Year 1
family learning session**

**Spelling and
Phonics**

- We have been sending spellings home each week.
- Scores were initially good – but they have dipped!
- Common exception words – tested each half term – results in books.
- These words need to be learned they can't be sounded out.

Spellings

- Spellings now focus on a particular area.
- If your child finds them easy, ask them to write the word in a sentence.
- They will often focus around a particular sound – can they think of other words which include this sound?

Spellings

- Children should be 100% comfortable with phases 3 and 4 when they come up to Year 1
- Year 1 should be spent learning and consolidating Phase 5 ready for the national phonics test.
- Children cannot pass the phonics test unless they know all Phase 5 sounds.

Phonics

- All the Phase 3, 4 and 5 blends are on the school website for you to refer to.
- They can be printed off to use as games.
- There are also sheets for you to take again which covers all the three phases.

Phonics

ct  nest	nd  hand	mp  lamp	nt  tent	nk  ink	ft  gift	ck  sock	lt  belt
lp  help	lf  shelf	lk  milk	pt  script	xt  text	tr  tree	dr  drawing	gr  grandpa
cr  crab	br  brush	fr  frog	bl  blackberry	fl  flag	gl  glasses	pl  plane	cl  clown
sl  sleep	sp  spade	st  starfish	tw  twins	sm  small	pr  printer	sc  scarf	sk  skunk
sn  sniff	nch  bench	scr  screw	shr  shrew	thr  thread	str  string	Phase 4 Blends and Clusters	
ay  crayon	ou  cloud	ie  tie	ea  beads	oy  boy	ir  girl	ue  glue	ue  queue
aw  saw	wh  whistle	ph  elephant	ew  pew	ew  screw	oe  toe	au  haunted	ey  monkey
a-e  snake	e-e  concrete	i-e  slide	o-e  bone	u-e  flute	u-e  cube	Phase 5 Sound Mat	

- What is the phonics test?
- All Year 1 pupils across the country take the test during the same week in Spring. Children in Year 2 will need to retake the test if they failed it in Year 1.
- It is an unseen test – teachers do not see the test in advance.

Phonics

- One person in the school administers the test to all the children.
- They will have had lots of practise at taking the test.
- They will have had practise tests with the tester.

Phonics

- There are 40 words on the test.
- Some are real words, some are pseudo words – made up ones.
- The purpose of the pseudo words is to see if children can blend the sounds.

Phonics

- With a possible mark of 40 the pass rate in previous years has been 32 – but the pass mark is unknown until after the results have been sent in by all schools.
- You will be told the Phonic Test results.

Phonics

- What can you do to help?
- Practise the blends in each of the phases until they are very familiar.
- Make up pseudo words.
- Play phonic games – lots on line.

Phonics

- The more your children read, the more familiar they will become with the phonic blends.
- Equally, knowing the phonic blends will greatly aid your children with reading and writing.
- Reading at home should be at least 3 times a week.

Phonics