

The Phonics Challenge



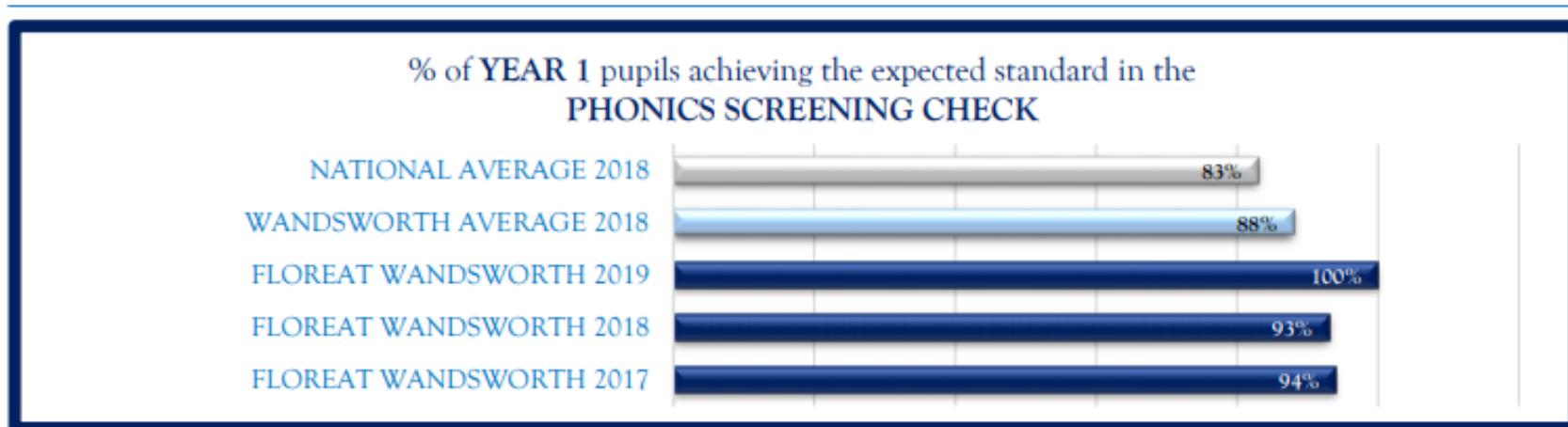


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Expectations

End of Year 1 – All children take the Phonics Screening Check.

End of Year 2 – All children take tests in reading and maths.



The facts...

- The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.
- The check consists of 20 real words & 20 nonsense words that pupils read aloud to the teacher.
- Most checks take around 10 minutes for each child.
- We will report the score to the parents by the end of the Summer Term.
- The checks are informal and in a quiet and friendly environment.

Our approach is...

- Low key
- Stress free



Check 1

Section 1

stip



prool



darps



thand



Practice sheet: Real words

in

at

beg

sum

How to approach each word.

Step 1: Say the sounds (point to them as you say them.)



Step 2: Blend the sounds to read the word (swipe your finger along as you do.)



b

r

ea

d

Split digraphs

Part two of the challenge contains some trickier split digraphs. Here is how we approach these...

plane

mine

home

gene

Polysyllabic Words

The final page of the Phonics Challenge contains a range of polysyllabic words which the children must read. At Floreat, we teach polysyllabic words in the following way...

1. Say the sounds in the first syllable.
2. Blend the sounds to read the first syllable.
3. Say the sounds in the second syllable.
4. Blend the sounds to read the second syllable.
5. Read the two syllables together to blend the whole word.

Polysyllabic Words

midnight mid / night

beehive bee / hive

starling star / ling

Example paper

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621157/STAI77753p_2017_phonics_screening_check_pupils_materials_-_standard.pdf

Please also explore the SoundsWrite course for parents if you haven't completed this yet.

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

