



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Headteacher - Mrs Sally-Anne Barnard-Taylor

High Street  
Doddington  
March  
Cambridgeshire  
PE15 0TF

Tel: 01354 740405  
Fax: 01354 741514  
Email: [office@lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk)

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Phonics Screening Check Autumn 2021 - Resources for Parents

Following the disruption to the education of pupils nationally last year due to the Covid pandemic, the Department for Education delayed or cancelled elements of the statutory testing programme which included the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check. This was delayed until the Autumn Term 2021 when pupils will undertake the check (in Year 2) to ascertain their phonic knowledge. We have continued to support the teaching and learning of Phonics to help our pupils develop their early reading skills including the reading of real and 'fake' words, sometimes referred to as real and 'alien' words. The pupils will undertake the check as part of our daily teaching by a member of the Year 2 teaching team. In order to alleviate any unnecessary anxiety, the pupils will be unaware that they are completing a test and it will be just like a normal part of their daily lesson.

Some parents have asked for activities that they could continue to do throughout the half-term break to help support their children and so we have put together the attached pack. An electronic copy of the activities will also be uploaded onto the Teams platform.

Included in this pack are the following resources to help your child at home in revising and developing their phonetic knowledge and skills:

- Phase 3 Sound Mat
- Phase 4 Blends and Cluster Mat
- Phase 5 Sound Mat

These mats can be displayed at home for children to regularly revise. In addition to these are a few 'Phonic Screening Practise Sheets'. These are mock examples of the screening check. In



addition to reading through the sheets, the words could also be cut up and made into flash cards for practising reading on a regular basis.

Correct pronunciation is the key especially with some of the alternative pronunciations. There is also a link to examples of pupils pronouncing the sounds correctly (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>). If you are unsure about any of the sounds/blends, please come in and ask. Another good resource to use is the Phonics Play website (<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>). There are lots of games for children to play for real and 'nonsense' words as well as quick flashcards for each of the sounds.

Any time spent at home using these resources, alongside regular reading, will continue to develop your child's phonetic knowledge and skills. Little and often is the key!

Please contact us via the School Office, if you have any questions, or alternatively, you can speak to us at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs McBeath and Mrs Latchford  
Year 2 Class Teachers

