

Year 1

Phonics Screening Check



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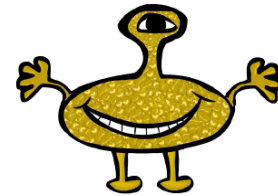
- All schools have to administer a phonics screening check to children in Year 1.
- The phonics check is written by the Department for Education. A new check is delivered to schools every year.
- The Department for Education describes the check as a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.



Phonics Screening Check

- The screening check contains 40 words, split into two sections of 20 words.
- Both sections contain a mixture of real words and “alien” words (fake words).
- All “alien” words in the screening check have a picture of an imaginary creature to help the children recognise the fake word.

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Phonics Screening Check Sample

Practice sheet: Pseudo words

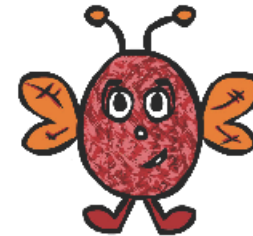
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Screening Check Date

- The screening check will take place in the week beginning:

12th June 2017

- If your child is absent during this week then the check will take place as soon as possible afterwards.



Phonics Screening Check

- Miss Swindell will carry out the check with each child individually.
- The check will take place in the Multi-Media Room (next to the Year 1 classroom).
- The check should last no longer than ten minutes.
- If a child shows signs of distress or tiredness, then the check will stop or a rest break can be given.



Results

- The Phonics Screening Check has a threshold score which shows if the child is at the expected level for Year 1.
- Each year the check has had a different threshold score between **31 - 34 marks out of 40**.



Results

- The results are sent to the local authority and then to the Department for Education. The results are not published but used to help judge a school's provision and standards.
- Parents will be given their child's result with the end of year report.



Teaching Phonics



- Children in Year 1 have a Phonics lesson each day.
- The school follows an engaging and fun programme called TES Phonics.
- Last year new reading books were purchased that support the new phonics curriculum.
- Assessments are recorded at the end of each half term.



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Preparing for the check

- The Year 1 children are very familiar with reading real and fake words in assessments and as part of the TES phonics programme.
- At the end of each term Year 1 children will have a mock test. This will help them recognise the format of the check and the type of word cards they have to read.
- The aim is to make the check as normal as possible to their daily reading and phonics lessons.



Parent Support ~ Reading

- Read regularly with your child and make it enjoyable. This can be sharing a book together, as well as children reading to you and you to them.
- Give lots of praise and encouragement.
- Look at the pictures and other parts of the book either before or during the reading time.



Parent Support ~ Reading

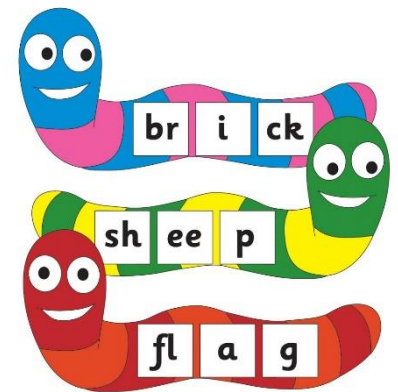
How children are taught to decode:

- Say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Read each sound and then blend them together.

Point to each letter (b in bat), or letter group (igh in sigh).

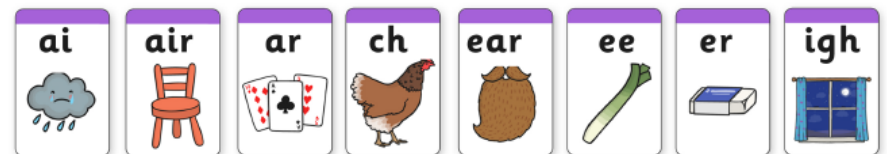
Say each sound and then run your finger under the whole word as you say it.

- Talk about the meaning of words to check children's understanding.
- Work at your child's pace.
- Give lots of praise and encouragement!



Parent Support ~ Phonics

- Practise the reading tricky words for each phase.
- Practise reading the phase sounds. Look for the sounds in reading and spelling.
- After an assessment, words to practise from the appropriate phase will be sent home.
- Practise spellings for the tests starting after half term.
- Complete the phonics homework beginning after half term.



Useful Websites

- **Phonicsplay** ~ Free games that we use in English Carousel. You can choose a phase (level) that is suitable for your child.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

- **ictgames** ~ Follow the Literacy link for a variety of games. The objectives are listed next to the game.

<http://www.ictgames.co.uk/>

- **BBC bitesize** ~ Phonics and spelling based activities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>



Further Information

- More details about the screening check can be accessed on the Department for Education website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/pedagogy/a00198207/faqs-year-1-phonics-screening-check#faq1>



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