



Year 1 Phonics Screening
























Aims of session

- *Understand what phonics is*
- *Understand the Phonics Screening Check*
- *What happens during the screening*
- *Pseudo (Alien Words)*
- *Reporting to Parents*
- *How can I help my child at home?*




























What is phonics?


- Begins in preschool
- Children begin learning sounds orally to identify and make words
- They then learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words

Phase 2 Sound Mat

s 	a 	t 	p 	i 	n 	m 	d 
g 	o 	c 	k 	ck 	e 	u 	r 
h 	b 	f 	ff 	l 	ll 	ss 	

Phase 3 Sound Mat

j 	v 	w 	x 	y 	z 	zz 	qu 
ch 	sh 	th 	ng 	ai 	ee 	igh 	oa 
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Phonics Screening Check



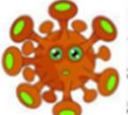

- Children in Year 1 across the country complete a phonics screening check in the same week in June.
- Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not pass in Year 1
- Designed to confirm whether a child has learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What happens during the test?

- Contains 40 words
- Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher
- Takes approx. 10 minutes per child
- Combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words

Pseudo Words (Alien Words)

- Pseudo words shown with a picture of an alien
- They are included because they will be new to all pupils; children cannot rely on visual memory of words

	voo
	jound
	terg
	fape

Reporting to Parents

- By the end of the summer term all schools must report each child's results to their parents
- They will confirm if the child has met the standard threshold
- Children who not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2

How can I help my child at home?

- Read as much as possible to and with your child
- Encourage using their phonic knowledge to read an unfamiliar word
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat. Next move your finger under the whole word as you say it
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read