



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents

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44 Phonemes

b bb	d dd	f ff ph	g gg	h	j g ge dge	c k ck ch	l ll le	m mm mb	n nn kn gn	ng nk
p pp	r rr wr	s c se ce	t tt	v ve	w wh	y	z zz s se	th	th	ch tch
	a	e ea	i y ey	o	u oo oul	oo u-e ue ew	ay ai a_e ey	er	igh ie i_e y	ow oa o_e
sh ti ci	oo ue ew u_e	ar	ur ir ear or	or aw au al our	ee ea e_e ie	ou ow	oy oi	air are	ear	ure

Phonics Key Words

- **Phoneme** – a sound
- **Grapheme** – the letters used to write a sound.
- **Digraph** – 1 sound that is written using 2 letters,
e.g. **sh, ay**
- **Trigraph** – 1 sound that is written using 3 letters,
• e.g. **igh, dge**
- **Letter Name** – such as when you recite the alphabet.

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What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- The current government introduced a statutory test for all Year 1 children in 2012.
- This will check their ability to read around 40 real and non-real words (alien words) towards the end of Year 1.
- This year, the check will take place during the week beginning Monday 10th June 2019. We ask that you make sure your child is in school all week if possible.

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Section 1

stop

truck

jump

lords

Section 2

index

turnip

waiting

portrait

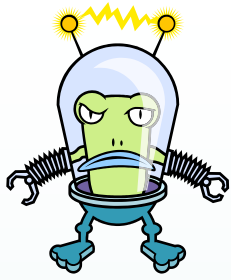
Section 2

crept

shrubs

scrap

stroke



Alien Words

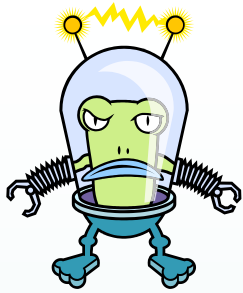
Why???

Alien words are new to every child, meaning that they have to use their blending skills to read them. They cannot use their memory or context clues.

bruggle

fribicious

stropaidedly



Alien Words

Some children find alien words particularly difficult to tackle.

They look at a word and try to make it into a real word.

strom proom

Children are taught to 'say what they see'. If they read it and they recognise the word, they have probably read it incorrectly.

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Sample: Answer sheet

YEAR
1

Phonics

Screening check: Answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

Screening check responses: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
tox			
blm			
vap			
ulf			
geck			
chom			
tord			
thazz			
blan			
steck			
hild			
quemp			
shln			
gang			
week			
chill			
grit			
start			
best			
hooks			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
woo			
jound			
terg			
fape			
snemp			
blurst			
spron			
stroft			
day			
slide			
newt			
phone			
blank			
trains			
strap			
scribe			
rusty			
finger			
dentist			
starling			

Total correct

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How will the check be carried out?

- Mrs Harford-Smyth will carry out the checks with all of the children.
- Checks will be carried out individually with children and are expected to take around 10 minutes per child in a quiet, familiar area in school.
- The children are used to working in this way with us as we carry out similar reading assessments in RWI with every child every 6 weeks anyway.
- They will not be told that this is a formal 'test'.

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How will you find out how well your children did?

- Parents and carers will be notified in the end of year report whether your child has met the expected standard.
- Any children who have not met the expected standard will have additional support in class to ensure they catch up as quickly as possible.
- These children will take the check again at the end of Year 2.

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How can you help to prepare your child?

Ensure children pronounce sounds correctly when blending.

Practise reading real and non-real words (alien words) with your child at home. Use the chart to make up some new words.

Ensure your child is in school everyday during the week of 10th June having had breakfast and ready to learn!

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Any questions?