



Phonics Screening Check

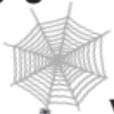
Phonics in Reception

- Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully.
- Children are taught how to recognise the sounds each individual letter makes e.g. s, a, t, p
- Children learn the sounds that two letters can make e.g. sh, ch (these are called **digraphs**).
- Children learn the sounds that three letters can make e.g. air, ear, igh (these are called **trigraphs**).

Level 1+

s  sun	a  apple	t  teddy	p  pan
i  insect	n  net	m  man	d  dog
g  gate	o  octopus	c  cat	k  key
-ck  duck	e  egg	u  umbrella	r  rabbit
h  hat	b  bone	f  fish	-ff  cuff
l  lion	-ll  hill	-le  bottle	-ss  dress

Level 2

j  jug	v  van	w  web	-x  fox
y  yo-yo	z  zip	-zz  buzz	qu  queen
ch  chick	sh  ship	th  this thumb	-ng  ring
-dge  bridge	-ve  glove	wh  wheel	-cks  ducks
-tch  hatch	-nk  ink		

Level 3

ai  aim	ee  eel	-igh  knight	oa  goat
-oo  cook	oo  spoon	ar  arm	or  fork
ur  purse	ow  owl	oi  oil can	ear  ear
air  hair	-er  builder	er  herbs	-ue  rescue
-ue  glue	-ure  pure	-ture  picture	

Level 4

-ay  tray	oy  toy	ea  eat	-ie  pie
ow  bow	ew  newspaper	-ew  screw	ou  mouth
ir  bird	aw  yawn	eer  deer	-are  scarecrow
-ce  dance	-ea  bread	o  onion	-ed  dropped rained



There are no new graphemes taught during this phase. Children are taught to blend and read longer words with adjacent consonants.

cvcc – milk, sink

ccvc – train, float

ccvcc - print

They also learn to read two-syllable words.

➤ handstand

➤ sandpit

➤ lunchbox

Phonics in Year 1

- In Year 1, children consolidate their learning of phonics in Reception and also learn new ways to represent and pronounce sounds.

Sound	As in	Sound	As in	Sound	As in
a-e	came	au	Paul	aw	saw
ay	day	e-e	these	ea	sea
ew	chew	ew	stew	ey	money
i-e	like	ie	pie	ir	girl
o-e	bone	oe	toe	ou	out
oy	boy	ph	Phil	u-e	june
u-e	huge	ue	clue	ue	due
		wh	when		

Level 5 split digraphs



a-e



cake

e-e



compete

i-e



ice

o-e



rose

u-e



cube

u-e



flute

Phonics Screening Check

- The phonics screening check was initially piloted in around 300 schools in 2011.
- In September 2011, the phonics screening check was then made statutory for all children in Year 1.
- The phonics screening check takes place in June each year.
- This year, **the check will take place w/c 10th June 2024**
- The assessment is age-appropriate, with children sitting with their class teacher. It is on a one-to-one basis and should be seen as an enjoyable activity, which lasts no longer than 10 minutes.



Phonics Screening Check

- The phonics screening check is a “**short, light-touch assessment**” to confirm whether children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard for their age.
- It will also identify any gaps in the children’s phonic knowledge so that class teachers can support children further with their reading skills as they move into Year 2.
- Children should not realise that they are being formally assessed. The check should be seen as part of their everyday phonics activities. The children have already completed practise checks with their teacher in Year 1, so they are familiar with the format of the check.

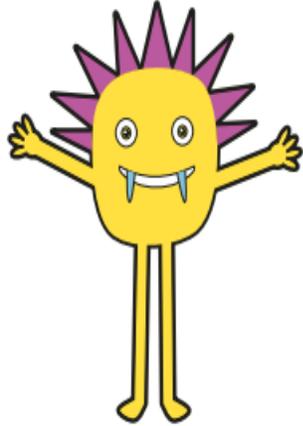


Phonics Screening Check

- ▶ The check comprises of a list of **40 words** with half of the words covering the phonics skills which are taught in Reception and half of the words based on Year 1 phonics skills.
- ▶ Within the 40 words, there are **real and nonsense words**. Your child will be told that the activity will include nonsense words and will be familiar with what this means.
- ▶ Nonsense words are used when teaching phonics because they cannot be read by using memory or known vocabulary. This means that children have to use their decoding skills, which is a strategy used when reading any new and unfamiliar word.

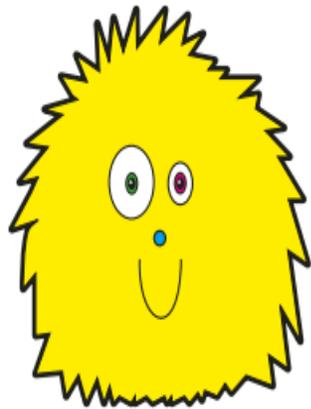
Phonics Screening Check

shob



tailor

farn



sequins



Phonics Screening Check

- Your child will be scored against a national standard, and the main result will be whether or not they fall below, within or above this standard.
- In 2013 – 2023 the “pass threshold” was 32, which means that children had to read at least 32 words out of 40 correctly. The threshold mark is communicated to schools at the end of June, after the test has been taken. You will be told your child’s score by the end of the summer term, but schools’ results will not be published.
- If your child’s score falls below the threshold, they will retake the test when they are in Year 2. This is so that they can be given further support with their phonic decoding skills.

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- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulv63W9StE>
 - ▶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ_ZEBh1Bk



How can you help your child?

- Make time for your child to read their school book to you and encourage them to practise their decoding skills.
- Encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words and blend the sounds to read the word, rather than looking at the picture to guess.
- Practise reading words including the sounds they have learnt in Reception and Year 1.
- Let them practise reading nonsense words – these are the words that might trick them!

Homework for Spring B

Phonics Screening Practice List

Real Words	
chill	blank
start	scribe
best	phone
grit	rusty
shin	dentist
gang	starling
week	day
hooks	slide
strap	newt
trains	finger

Spellings in Spring B
will be replaced
with phonics
screening revision.

ea head	ea sea
e-e these	er fern
er farmer	ew stew

Phonics Screening Practice List

Nonsense Alien Words			
steck		bim	
hild		vap	
quemp		spron	
geck		blurst	
ulf		voo	
chom		snemp	
tord		fape	
thazz		jound	
blan		stroft	
tox		terg	



Homework for Spring B

Spelling Shed log ins will be coming out after half term

Useful websites

- ▶ You can download the Department for education official past phonics screening checks (2012-2020) to get an idea of what your child will be asked to do. We use these past checks in school to ensure that children are familiar with the structure and so that we can track their progress and any areas of support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>

- ▶ There are lots of websites with fun phonics games that the children are familiar with:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.lettersandsounds.co.uk

- ▶ A copy of the presentation will be available on the school website from Friday 9th February



Any questions?