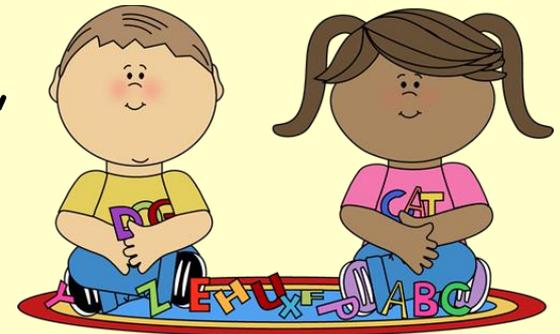


Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2017



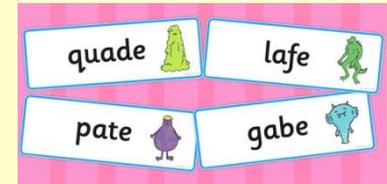
What is the phonics screening check?

- A statutory reading check that every Year 1 child in the country will complete in the same week.
- It will take place in school during the week beginning 12th June.
- The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.



What happens during the check?

- The check consists of 40 words including real and nonsense words (alien words).



- Children will know if it is a nonsense word as there will be a picture of an alien next to it
- The children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. s-t-ar-t.
- The children must sound out the correct phonemes and blend together whichever graphemes form that particular word.

Examples of words

day

snemp



slide

blurst



newt

spron



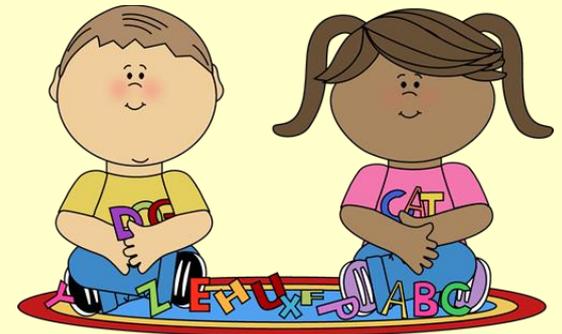
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What happens during the check?

- Each child will sit with me individually to complete the check (one to one).
- It will take place in a quiet area of the school.
- There is no time limit and the check is designed to not be stressful for the children. On average it takes approximately 10 minutes per child but I can stop and rest where I feel appropriate.



How can you help?

Encourage your child to use their knowledge of sounds to work out the words when reading and writing.

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound **cow** the children should say this as c-ow and not c-o-w

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound **nigh**t the children should say this as n-igh-t and not n-i-g-h-t

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant in between. Used to be known as the magic e

Spine - **i_e**

home - **o_e**

cube - **u_e**

How can you help?

- Revise the Phase 2, 3 & 5 graphemes at home with your child.
- Practice reading real and alien words with your child, encouraging them to 'sound out' the word and blend it together.
- Help your child to use their phonic knowledge to 'make up' nonsense words using single letters, digraphs and trigraphs.
- Use online games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk to read real and nonsense words.



How can you help?

- **REMEMBER:** Phonics is not the only thing needed to become a fluent reader.
- Please continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:
 - Sound out
 - Re-read to check it makes sense.
 - Use pictures for clues.
 - Ask questions about the book.
 - And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**



How will I know how my child has done?

- By the end of the summer term all schools must report their child's results to parents.
- We will inform you of whether your child has met the national standard threshold.
- Children's reading develops at different rates and children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the check when they are in Year 2.



Thank you for listening and
for your continued support.

Does anybody have any
questions?

