



# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

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Information for parents



# What?

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- The phonics screening check is a statutory assessment for all children in Year 1.
- The phonics screening check consists of a list of 40 words.
- The list is a mixture of both real words and nonsense/alien words.



# When?

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- The phonics screening check will take place during the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- If a child is absent for this entire week a child can take the test on their return up until Friday 22<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.



# Who?

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- Most children are expected to be able to access the phonic screening check.
- If a child has not shown any understanding of phonemes and graphemes they will not participate. Parents will be informed if this is the case.



# What is a phoneme?

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A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech. When we teach reading we teach children which letters represent those sounds.

For example – the word 'hat' has 3 phonemes – 'h' 'a' and 't'.



# What is a grapheme?

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- A grapheme is a letter or a number of letters that represent the sounds in our speech. So a grapheme will be the letter/ letters that represent a phoneme.
- A grapheme can be 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters.

For example:

- 1 letter grapheme – **m** a t (m)
- 2 letter grapheme – **sh** i p (sh)
- 3 letter grapheme – n **igh** t (igh)
- 4 letter grapheme – **eigh** t (eigh)

# How

- Children will work individually with the class teacher during the phonic screening check.



# Real Words & Alien words

## Practice sheet: Real words

in

at

beg

sum

## Practice sheet: Pseudo words

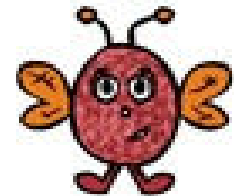
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# Non-sense words

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- Using non-sense /alien words allows the assessment to focus purely on decoding using phonics.
- Non-sense /alien words are new to all children.
- They will be shown to children alongside pictures of imaginary creatures.

# Reporting Results

Description	Phonics Outcome
Child took the phonics screening check and met the required standard	Wa
Child took the phonics screening check and did not meet the required standard	Wt
Absent	A
Child did not take the phonics screening check	D
Child has left the school	L