



National Phonics Screening

Year 1

March 2018

Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks

From June 2012, statutory **Phonics Screening Checks** were introduced nationally, for all Year One pupils.


The test consists of **40 words**, some of which are real words and others are "alien" words.

This is done on a **1:1 basis**, with their class teacher. Children need to use **their knowledge of phonics** to decode words, as appropriate.

The benchmark score since 2013 has been 32 out of 40. We do not know the current pass score, it will be announced after all of the screening checks have been done nationally.

You will receive your child's mark with their annual report in July.

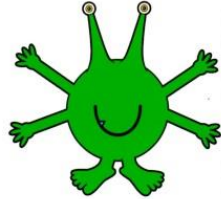
Children who do not achieve the pass mark in the checks, will be put into intervention groups for **further support** and they will be re-tested in Year 2.



These are pages from a previous test...

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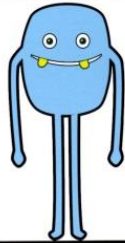
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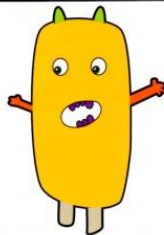
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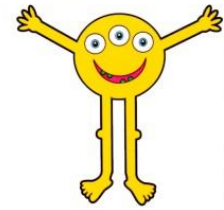


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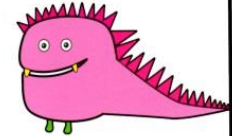
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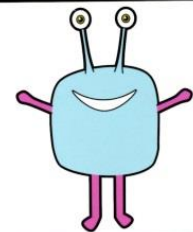
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What is phonics?

- The building blocks for reading and writing.
- Split into 6 phases.
- Progressive through the Year groups.
- Google phonics phases for more information on each one.



What we will go through

- Vowels – The ways of making the vowel sounds.

Does anyone know what these mean?

- Digraph
- Trigraph
- Alternative pronunciations
- Alien words



What we will go through

- Vowels – The ways of making the vowel sounds.
 - Digraphs – 2 letters that make 1 sound, some make the same sounds.
 - Trigraphs – 3 letters that make 1 sound.
 - Alternative pronunciations – Different ways of saying the same letters.
 - Alien words – Nonsense words – They're not real.
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Vowels

Each of the five vowel sounds can be represented in many different ways. In Year 1 the children are taught all the different ways that a vowel sound may be spelt.

a e i o u



a

ay - day

ai - train

eigh - sleigh

a_e - name

a e i
o u



e

ee - bee

ea - sea

ey - key

y - mummy

e_e - scene

a e i
o u



i

ie - pie

y - my

igh - night

i_e - time

aei
ou



o

oa - coat
ow - slow
oe - toe
o_e - bone

o e i
o u



u

ue - blue
ew - chew
u_e - tune

aei
ou



Digraphs

Sometimes different digraphs can make the same sound.

er - hammer	or - motor	oi - soil	ow - cow	
ir - shirt	aw - claw	oy - toy	ou - ground	wr - write
ur - surf	au - launch			
kn - knock	wh - when	ar - sharp	Ch - chess	sh - wish
th - think	ck - thick	ng - bang	ph - phone	qu - quiet



Trigraphs

Trigraphs are 3 letters that make one sound.

Can you think of others words that these sounds appear in?

air -

chair

ear -

hear

ure -

pure

igh -

fright



Alternative Pronunciations

An alternative pronunciation is when a sound can change depending on the word. For example, 'city' and 'crisps' - the 'c' makes a 's' sound in one word and a 'ck' sound in the other.

i - tin / wild	o - hot / hold	g - gap / gent	c - cap / cellar
u - under/unit/pu t	ow - cow / snow	ie - thief / lie	ea - sea / deaf
a - hat/taken/fa st/was	y - dry/yes/gym/ crunchy	ch - church/school / chef	ou - loud/you/coul d/ shoulder
e - me / bed	ey - money / they		

Alien Words

It is important that the children DO NOT turn the alien words into a real word.

Have a go at sounding out and blending these alien words.

phewn

spown

chigh

phirs

stoam

moick



How you can help at home:

- Revise each sound with your child and find out which ones they are confident with, and which sounds they need to practise.
- To practise these sounds you could;
 - Make up alien words
 - Write real words using the sounds and include them in sentences
 - Focus on them while reading a book/anything.
- When reading, support your child in sounding out and decoding new words. Point out the different sounds you can see and then together write more words that include those sounds.



Useful Websites:

Here is some useful websites that we recommend and use at school. (Some of these do require subscription.)

ICT Games:

www.ictgames.com

Phonics Play:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

BBC Schools and Cbeebies:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups

The School Run – Breakdown of phases

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-phonics-phases>

