



**A love of reading is the biggest indicator
of future academic success.**

OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

*National Phonics Screening
2022-2023*

Year 1

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 or a teacher they know.

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 benchmark 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.

What is phonics?

- The building blocks for reading and writing.
- Split into 5 phases.
- Progressive through the year groups.
- See Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised website for more information.



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

aei
ou



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

a e i
o u



Digraphs

Sometimes different digraphs can make the same sound.

er - hammer
ir - shirt
ur - surf

or - motor
aw - claw
au - launch

oi - soil
oy - toy

ow - cow

ou - ground

wr - write

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



Split Digraphs

Split digraphs are a digraph that is split by a consonant, usually containing a long vowel sound.

a_e

make

e_e

these

i_e

kite

o_e

mode

u_e

mute



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

chigh

spown

stoam

phirs

moick



These are pages from a previous test...

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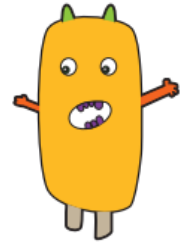
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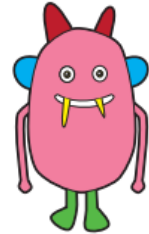
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Section 2

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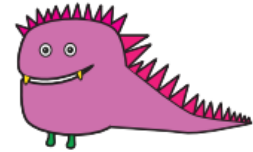
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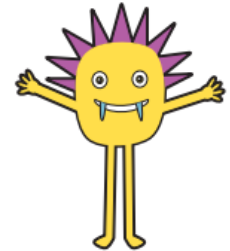
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How you can help at home:

- 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.
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Useful Websites:

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

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

ICT Games:

www.ictgames.com

Phonics Play:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

BBC Schools and Cbeebies:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups

