



# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Parent Information 2024

# Aims:

- Explanation of what the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is.
- Give you an understanding of what it will be like for your child
- Recommend how you can help your child at home.

# What is the Year 1 phonics screening check?

- The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England.
- It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.
- It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

# What does it look like?

## Practice sheet: Real words

in

at

beg

sum

## Practice sheet: Pseudo words

ot



vap



osk



ect



# What does it look like?

- The test is made up of 40 words
- There are 4 words on each page
  
- 20 of the words are real
- 20 of the words are alien words – the alien words are identified by a small picture of an alien next to them

# How is it delivered?

- The check is done 1:1 with each child
- An adult your child is familiar with will administer the check
- The adult will ask them to read each word clearly
- The check takes about 5–10 minutes.
- You can download a copy of the [2018 Phonics screening check](#) and [2019 Phonics screening check](#) from the gov.uk website, [here](#).

# What does it check?

It checks that your child can:

- Sound out and blend graphemes in order to read simple words.
- Read phonically decodable one-syllable and two-syllable words, e.g. cat, sand, windmill.
- Read a selection of nonsense words which are referred to as pseudo/alien words.

# How we encourage children to read the words:

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chom



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vanish

# What happens to the results?

- We will report your child's results in their end of year report
- The test is graded as a pass or fail
- The pass mark in previous years has been 32

# What happens if my child doesn't pass the test?

- Any child that does not reach the standard threshold will sit the screening check when they are in year 2, with the following year's cohort of year 1s.

# When is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

- Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024

# How can you help at home?

- Regular reading at home to practise their segmenting and blending skills
- Immersing your child in the love of reading; share books and magazines with your child, point out text when you are out and about
- Play interactive games on sites such as [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk)
- Some of the children may be sent home with flashcards to practise at home
- Have fun making up your alien words to read!

# Useful Websites:

- You can find out more about our phonics scheme by clicking [here](#)
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If you have any further questions,  
please do not hesitate to  
ask a member of the Year 1 Team.