

# Phonic Screening Check

## What you will find out about:

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# What is Phonics?

- ▶ Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years both in Nursery and Reception.
- ▶ Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words.
- ▶ They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words.
- ▶ For example s,a,t,p,i,n- sat, tap, nit etc

# What is the Phonics Screening check?

- ▶ Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June.
- ▶ Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.
- ▶ The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonetic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

## What Happens During the Screening?

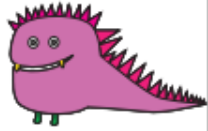
- ▶ The test contains 40 words.
- ▶ Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher.
- ▶ The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.
- ▶ The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (alien words).

## Pseudo Words (Alien Words)

- ▶ The alien words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This is to help the children understand that it is not a real word.
- ▶ Alien words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.
- ▶ The check is designed to confirm decoding skills at the appropriate standard.

# Screening examples

fot



drap



toy

keb



flarm



spike

gan



lect



fuel

ulp



voisk



name

# Games you can play at home



sug	bock	fod	kiff	ab	lun	noll	tup	fam	hap
dob	<b>Can you blend and read the Alien words?</b>								hup
deg									nig
nad	<small>Phonics for Edgely</small>								gack
Start	Finish	og	baff	biss	heg	bek	pum	hiff	



### Wash the word!



Listen to the word, find it and wash it away! Great for early blending practise!

Why not try tricky words, key words or numbers?!



### Word Twister!



Fill the circles with 6 different words, repeated 4 times. Choose 4 children and spin to select hands or feet! Say and word and off you go!

Why not try letters, numbers, shapes?

## Reporting to Parents

- ▶ By the end of the summer term all schools must report each child's results to their parents. This will be reported as a score out of 40.
- ▶ We will also confirm if your child has passed the phonics screening test.
- ▶ Children who do not pass will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

# How can I help my child at home?

- ▶ Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- ▶ Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- ▶ Encourage and praise - get them to have a 'good guess'.
- ▶ If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- ▶ Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- ▶ Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.
- ▶ Use your child's blending and sound booklet to learn diagraphs and vowel diagraphs.
- ▶ Useful websites: [www.phonicsplay.com](http://www.phonicsplay.com), [www.educationcity.co.uk](http://www.educationcity.co.uk), [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk), [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)