



Phonics Screening

A guide for parents.

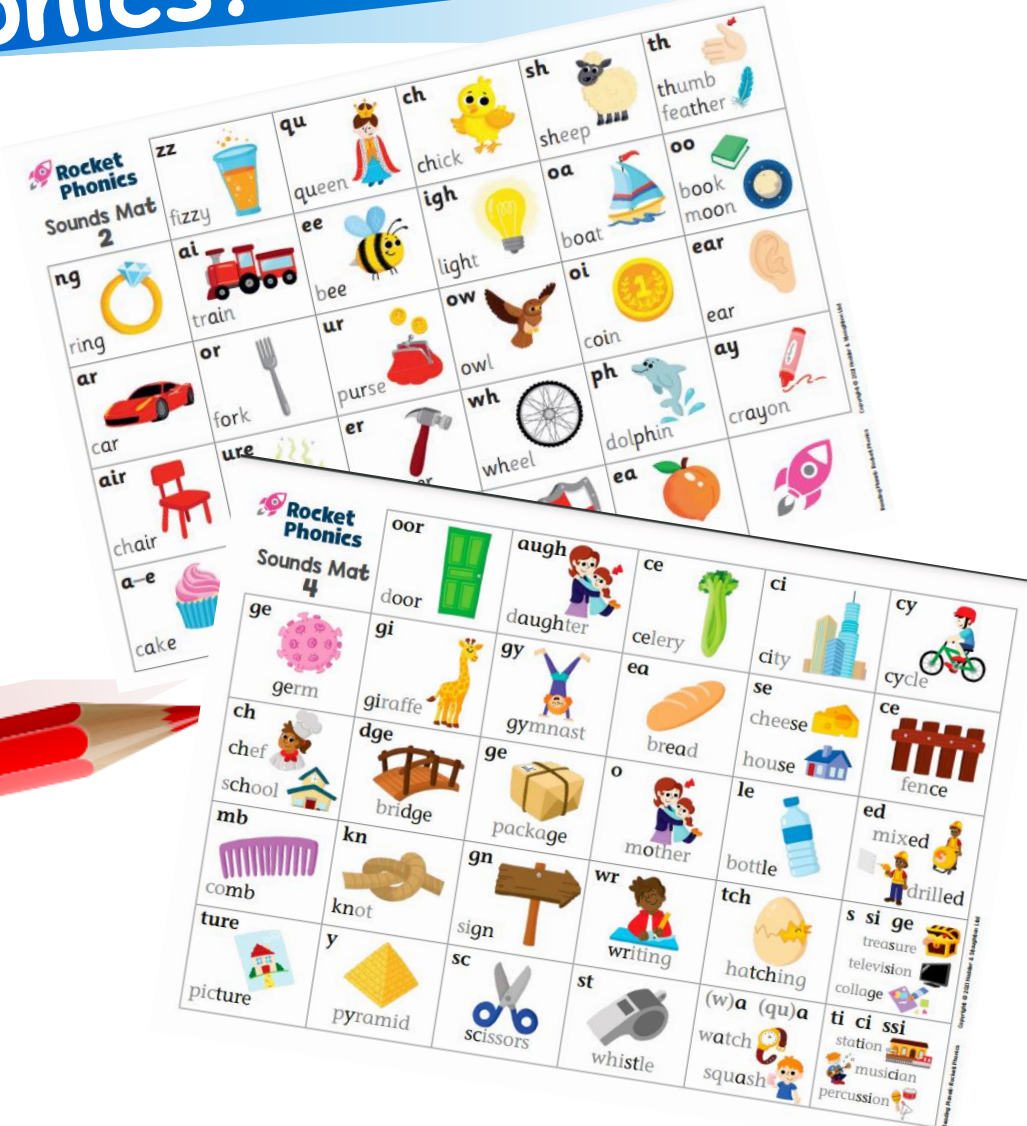


What is Phonics?



Children are taught to read by breaking down (segmenting) words into separate sounds or 'phonemes'. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.

Children in Key Stage 1 have a phonics lesson daily and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.



What is the aim of the check?

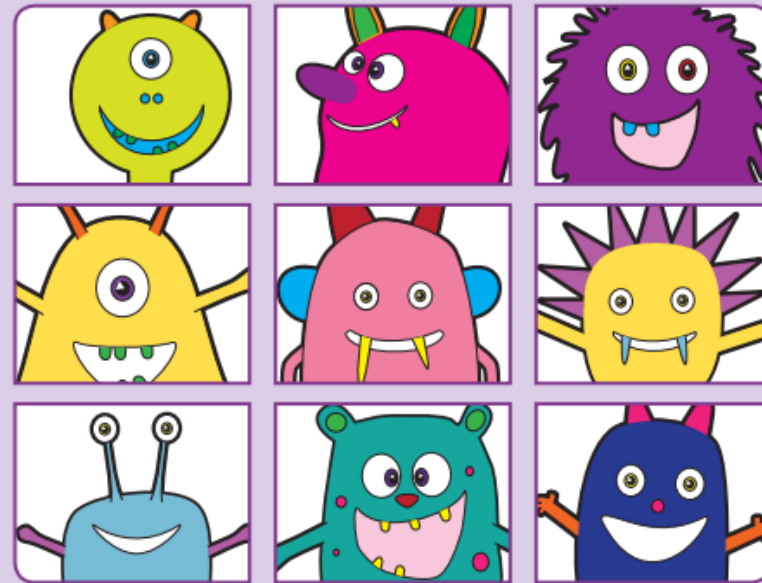
- The Phonics Screening Check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding (i.e. apply their knowledge of letter-sound relationships) and blending (i.e. the skill of joining individual speech sounds (phonemes) together to make a word) skills to an appropriate standard

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHZzKHeZ-oI>

Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



When will the screening happen?

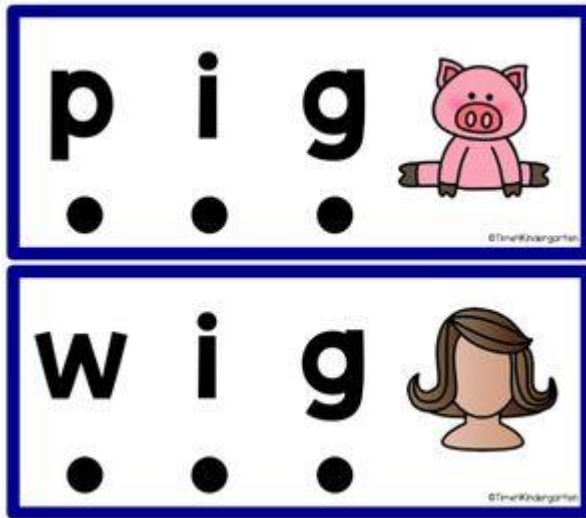


Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the Phonics Screening Check in June.



Those Year 1 children who don't pass will get the opportunity to retake the test again when they are in year 2.

What do we expect children to do?



- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons
- Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together, eg d-o-g - dog
- The focus of the check is to see which sounds the children know

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Example words



Alien/Pseudo
words

Section 2

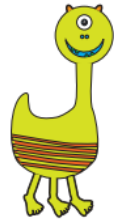
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Section 2

twice

gloom

turn

mode

Real words

How will the children
complete the check?



The children will complete
the check one at a time in a
quiet area of the school.

The screening will only take
5-10 mins with each child.

The test will be delivered by
a familiar adult.

Useful websites



- Here are some links to helpful website that give more information on the teaching of Phonics:

- Oxford Owl

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

- Phonics Play:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm>

- YouTube - phoneme pronunciation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=18&v=UCI2mu7URBc&feature=emb_logo



Online Phonics Games

Click on the links below to access
free phonics games.

[Phonics Bloom](#)

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Questions

If you have any questions regarding the Phonics Screening Check, please contact your child's teacher.



Thank you

Thank you for your ongoing support



**Thank
You!**