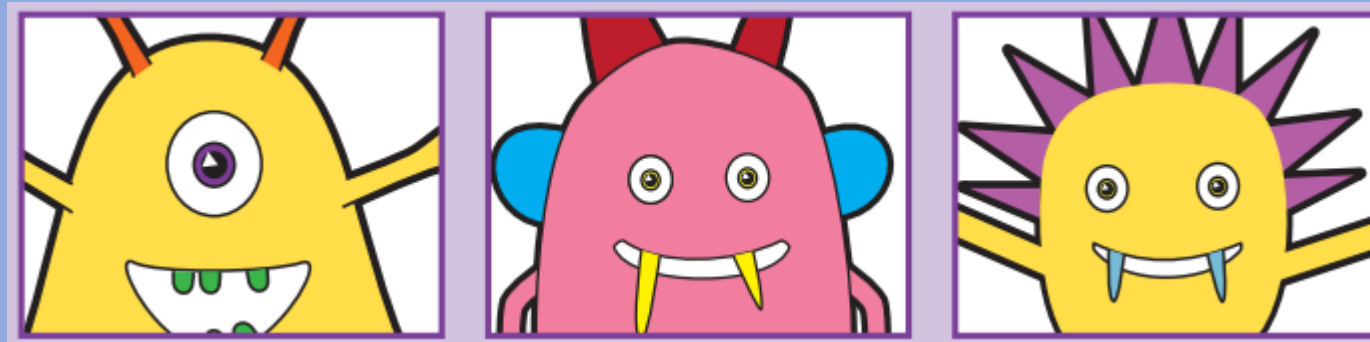
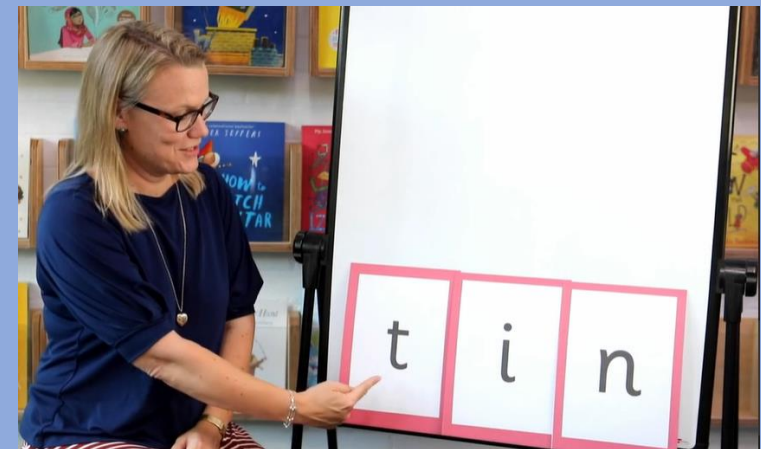


KS1 Phonics Screening Check



What is Phonics?

Phonics is making connections between the sounds of our spoken words and the letters that are used to write them down.



What is the purpose of the check?



The purpose of the phonics screening check will be to confirm that all children have learnt phonic decoding to an age-appropriate standard. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.

In June, the children in Year 1 throughout the country will sit their Phonics screening test during the same week. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when they were in Year 1, or they have not taken the test before.

This will involve the children using the sounds they have learnt in phonics lessons to decode and read a range of real words and 'alien'/pseudo words (made up 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 and read each word aloud to a teacher
- The test contains 40 words (20 real words and 20 'alien'/pseudo words (made up words))
- The screening will take approximately 10 minutes per child
- Expectation is that children should achieve 32/40 to reach expected level

Example words

Alien/Pseudo
words

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have.

Section 2

var	
slirt	
weaf	
pobe	

Section 2

twice
gloom
turn
mode

Real words

Reporting to parents



The results of the check will be shared with the parents by the end of the summer term.

Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in year 2.

How can you help?



- Each week as part of their homework, the children will receive list of words containing both real and alien/pseudo (made up words) for them to practise sounding out and reading
 - Read with your child as much as possible and if they are struggling to decode a word encourage them to sound out every sound from left to right in the word
 - Play lots of sound and listening games with your child
 - Blend the sounds by pointing to each letter
 - Discuss the meaning of words
 - Play some online phonics games
 - The Parent pages on the Little Wandle website has lots of information, guides and videos on how we teach phonics - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
- or
- Google – Little Wandle for parents

Questions



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