

# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

## What is the phonics screening check?



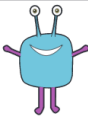

At the end of Year 1, schools are required to administer a phonics screening check to every Year 1 child. The check tests whether children have a good knowledge of all phonemes (letter sounds) in order to be able to read words. Schools are given a 'testing window' of when to administer the test to each child, usually during the first two weeks of June, after the half-term holiday.

## What will my child be asked to do?

Practice sheet: Real words

in
at
beg
sum

Practice sheet: Pseudo words

ot	
vap	
osk	
ect	

The phonics screening check consists of 40 words which each child is asked to read out loud. Each word can be sounded out and then blended together using letter sounds (phonemes.) 20 of the words are real English words; 20 are made up or "alien" words. The test is administered by a member of staff known to the child. There is no time limit.

## When will I find out about how my child has done?

Your child's phonics screening check results will be included in their end of term report in July. Depending on the number of words your child was able to read correctly, he or she will either:

Meet the standard of the phonics screening check

or

Not meet the standard of the phonics screening check

Teachers will be able to explain what this means for your child and their next steps to make progress.