

Year One  
Phonics Screening Check  
Information Workshop  
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# What is Phonics?

- In Reception & KS1 children have phonics lessons 5 times a week following the Read Write Inc scheme.
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate **sounds** (called 'phonemes'). E.g c-a-t.
- They are taught how to **blend** (join) these sounds together to read the whole word e.g. c-o-m-i-c
- There are 44 different sounds.



## Read Write Inc order of sounds

### Set 1:

Set 1 Sounds are taught in the following order:

m a s d t,

i n p g o,

c k u b,

f e l h sh,

r j v y w,

th z ch qu x ng nk

Long vowel sound	Set 2 sounds	Set 3 sounds	
ay	ay: may I play?	a_e: make a cake	ai: snail in the rain
ee	ee: what can you see?	ea: cup of tea	e: he me we she be
igh	igh: fly high	i_e: nice smile	
ow	ow: blow the snow	o_e: phone home	oa: goat in a boat
oo	oo: poo at the zoo	u_e: huge brute	ew: chew the stew
oo	oo: look at a book		
ar	ar: start the car		
or	or: shut the door	aw: yawn at dawn	
air	air: that's not fair	are: care and share	
ir	ir: whirl and twirl	ur: nurse with a purse	er: a better letter
ou	ou: shout it out	ow: brown cow	
oy	oy: toy for a boy	oi: spoil the boy	
ire		ire: fire! fire!	
ear		ear: hear with your ear	
ure		ure: sure it's pure	

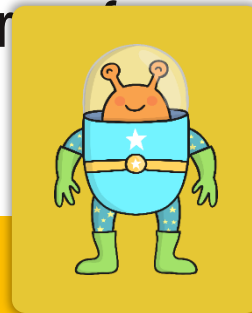
# What happens during the Check?

- 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** (nonsense words).



# Pseudo Words (Nonsense Words/Alien 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.
- Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory skills.



# Examples of words

Section 2

comic

giving

pumpkin

fighters



Section 2

clisk



thrand



strad



scroy





# And the results....?

- Children will be scored against a national standard.

**(32/40 in previous years)**

- Data will be submitted first and schools will be informed of the pass mark at a later date.
- Parents will be informed of results with the end of year reports.

- If your child's score falls below the national standard they will re-take the Phonic Screening Check in Year 2



# How are we preparing at school?

- Daily Read Write Inc lessons
  - Extra practise sessions in the afternoons.
  - 1:1 green card word reading and alien word reading.
  - Lexia in school in the ICT suite.
  - Practice Phonics Screening Checks - so we know what sounds need more practice.
  - Reading fiction and non fiction books
  - Phonics games.
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# How can you help?

2. Fred  
talk:  
F-r-igh-t



1.  
Special  
friends

3. Blend "fright".

# How can you help?

## Phonics packs:

- Copy of sound cards with rhymes.  
*(These can be cut up and used as flashcards, turned over to play a game where you turn one over and if you read it correctly you keep it etc)*
- Snakes and Ladders phonics version
- Roll and Read game (dice sheet included)
- Feed Fred and Feed Froz game
- (might want to cut up these pictures and stick them on boxes.)
- List of websites with activities.



# How can you help?

•**REMEMBER:** Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader.

Continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues.
- Ask questions about the book;
- And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**





# Questions?

