

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check



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What is phonics?

- Children have 25 mins daily discrete phonics lessons.
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or 'phonemes' (segmenting). They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word (blending).
- There are around 40 different sounds.





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Phonic Friends



s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d
g	o	c	k	ck	e	u	r
h	b	f	l	ll	ff	ss	



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Phonic Friends



j	v	w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch
sh	th	ng	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	er	ure	ear	air

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Phonic Friends

ai	ay	ee	ea	igh	ie	oa	oe	oo	ue
									
oi	oy	ur	ir	ow	ou	or	aw	w	wh
									
air	are	n	kn	r	ur	ch	tch	j	dge
									

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What is the check for?

- The check is to assess your child's phonic knowledge.
- This will help us to know how best to teach and support your child with their reading.



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When will the check take place?

The check will happen in school at the beginning of June.



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What will the check consist of?

- 40 words for your child to read.
- Half the words will be real words.
- Half the words will be nonsense words.



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What will the children do?

- The check will take around 10 minutes.
- They will be asked to read a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g - dog.
- Children will be told if the word is a real or nonsense, with a corresponding alien image.



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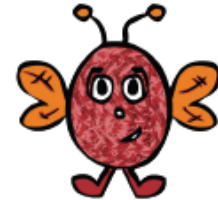
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How can you help?

Encourage them to use their sounds and actions to find the sound they need.

Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. Many games check real and nonsense words.



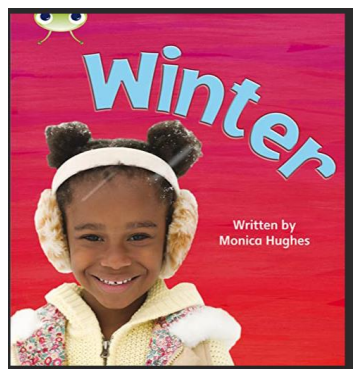
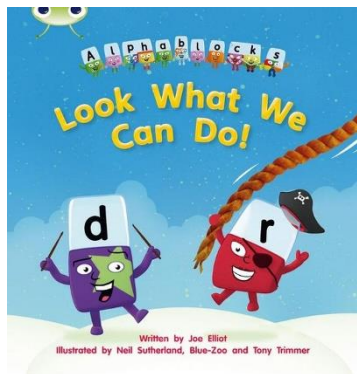
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How can you help?

- Websites
www.phonicsplay.co.uk (£12/year)

Phonics screening check: 2023 materials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

- Phonics School Books
- Phonics Parent Newsletters (available on TEAMS)
- Don't forget to read for pleasure!



SUPERSONIC
 Phonic Friends
 Parent Newsletter
 The Higher Levels Choose to Use Group 1

This group's Choose to use spellings

ai and ay 	ee and ea 	igh and ie 	oa and oe 	oo and ue
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Build, Read & Write Spell Frames

ai	ay	ee	ea	igh	ie	oa	oe	oo	ue
paint	slay	sweet	cream	fright	pie	float	toe	swoop	glue
rain	clay	queen	dream	right	die	loat	toe	spoon	blue
rain	tray	green	break	bright	lie	roast	doe	hoast	clue
train	play	three	stream	sight	lie	coast	hoe	spoop	flue
aprain	spray	speech	stream	lightning	magic	soap	foe	acooop	true
snail	gray	street	stream	flight		croak	foe	hroom	sendue

Choose to Use Rule

Hear In the middle choose to use /ai/ & Hear it at the end choose to use /ay/.	Write with both spellings, have a good look and see. Which one looks like the right spelling for me?	Hear In the middle choose to use /igh/ & Hear it at the end choose to use /ie/.	Hear In the middle choose to use /oa/ & Hear it at the end choose to use /oe/.	Write with both spellings, have a good look and see. Which one looks like the right spelling for me?
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Tessa's Tricky Words

their people Mr Mrs
 Sid's Cheeky Challenge

Can you make a silly sentence with all the words above?

Next group Choose to Use Spellings ~ Split digraph

ai, ay and ae 	ee, ea and ee 	igh, ie and ie 	oa, oe and oe 	oo, ue and ue
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How can you help?

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

- Continue to read with your child
- Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense.
- Ask questions about the book;
- And most importantly ENJOY READING!



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FAQs

What is the pass mark?

The pass mark is subject to change. However, over the last 2-3 years the pass mark has been 32/40.



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FAQs

What happens if my child doesn't pass?

If your child does not pass the Phonics Screening check this year, they will re-take the screener the following year (when they are in Year 2) with the next Year 1 cohort. They will continue to be supported with their Phonics in Year 2.



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FAQs

What is the most useful resource to help at home?

We highly recommend using the government website which has past screening check materials available to use.

<https://www.gov.uk/education/phonics>



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