

Phonics  
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# Phonics Screening Check

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au e\_e u\_e  
ie ay ea ir aw  
oe oy ou ew  
ph ey ue wh

# What is Phonics?

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- Children have 30mins daily discrete phonics lessons;
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate **sounds** or 'phonemes'. They are then taught how to **blend** these sounds together to read the whole word;
- There are around 40 different sounds.



## Phase 3 Sound Mat



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# Sound buttons



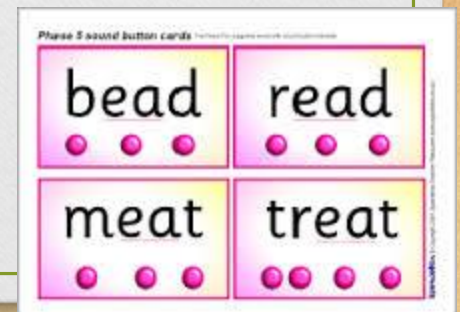
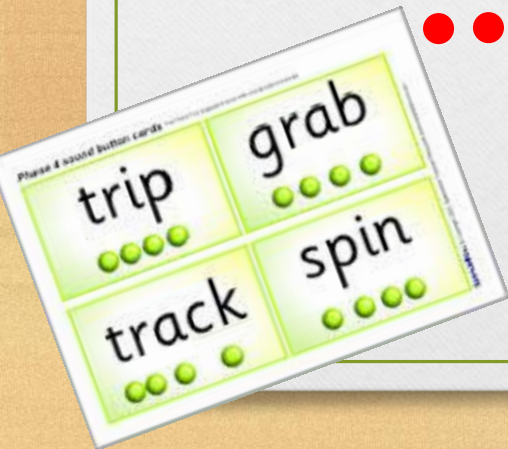
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# What is the screening check?

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- Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking a statutory phonics screening check in the same week in June.
- Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.
- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.

# What will the children do?

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- They will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together.

e.g. d-o-g – dog

- The check will consist of 40 words, a combination of real and nonsense(pseudo) words.
- Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image.





# Examples of words

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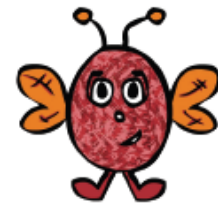
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# How will they be tested?

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- Teachers will complete the check with the children one to one.
- The children will complete the check in a quiet area of the school.
- We are not allowed to say to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and / or blended the word.



# And the results...?

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- Children will be scored against a national standard.
- We will let you know if they have met the standard threshold, and all children will receive a certificate for taking part.
- If your child's score falls below the national standard they can re-take the Phonics Screening Check in year 2.

# When will it happen?

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The screening check will take place throughout the week beginning

- **June 2020**





# How can you help?

- Don't panic your child has been learning phonics ALL YEAR.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Encourage them to use their sound buttons.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.
- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online.

