

Phonics in year 1

Welcome

We will cover:

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What is Phonics?

Phonics is the method used to teach children to read.

We learn the phonemes (sounds) which are associated with particular graphemes (letters, what they look like) in daily phonics lessons. We decode and blend to read unfamiliar words.

As a school we follow 'Little Wandle'. On their website, there is a parents section with useful information about the teaching of Phonics, how it is delivered and what is taught.

What is the Phonics screening check?

The DFE's definition of the phonics check:

The purpose of the phonics screening check will be to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age-appropriate standard.

Children who have not reached this level should receive extra support from their school to ensure they can improve their decoding skills, and will then have the opportunity to retake the phonics screening check.

There are 40 words for children to read 20 real and 20 pseudo-words.

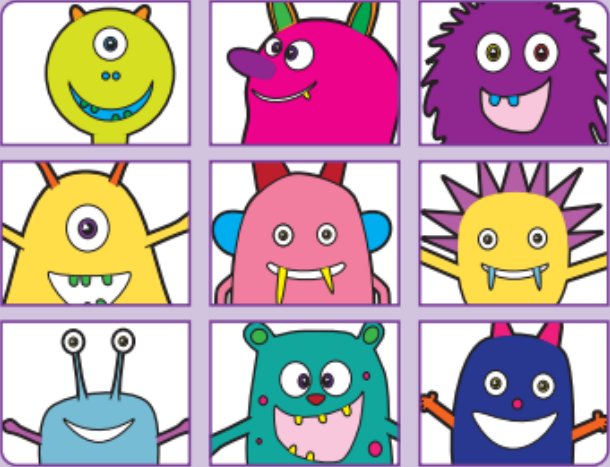
What does the test look like?

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Key stage 1

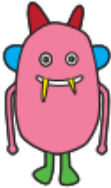
Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



The grid contains nine different cartoon monsters, each with unique features like different colors (green, pink, purple, yellow, blue, teal, dark blue), eye shapes, and body parts.

Section 1

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quab	
barp	
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Section 2

print
clouds
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stroke

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When, how and where will it take place?

When: **Week beginning Monday 9th June 2025**

How: The children will sit the paper 1:1 with a familiar adult (their teacher) usually takes less than ten minutes, however there is no time limit so they can have as long as they need.

Where: The test will be administered in a familiar quiet room and in exactly the same way they have practised it throughout year. It will be very relaxed and children will just think it is another practise one.

What happens after the phonics check has taken place?

The outcome of the check will be included in their school report.

This will let you know whether or not they have passed the phonics screening check.

The score is not announced until the screening check has been administered and will be announced 24th June. In the past several years it has been 32.

Children who have not reached this level will:

- receive extra support from their school to ensure they can improve their decoding skills
- will then have the opportunity to retake the phonics screening check in Year 2 Summer term.

What can you do to help?

Practise reading the words from the homework sheets you have been receiving, reading books together, practising past papers or playing phonics games.

Below is a link to past papers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>

Scroll to phonic screening check section to find the past papers if you wish to do them.

Some useful websites

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk



- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-5>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-sample-materials-and-training-video>
- <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
- @phonicsfamily - an Instagram account which has good games to follow.
- Facebook/Pinterest/Instagram – lots of phonics ideas and activities

FAQ

- Will my child know they are taking a test? No
- Who will administer the test? Miss Whittome, Miss Burbidge/Mrs Chesters
- When is the test? Week commencing 9th June 2025, for a week
- What if my child is absent for the test? If a pupil is absent during the check week, they have until Friday 20th June 2025 to complete the test.
- What if my child does not pass in Year One? Extra support for them for the remainder of Y1 and in Y2. They will then retake the check in Year 2.

Thank you for coming.

We hope you have found this session useful.

You can now look at the resources and speak to a member of staff if you have any queries.