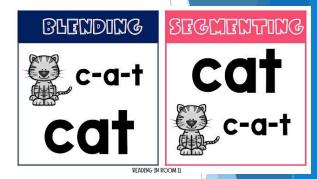
# Year 1 Phonics Screening



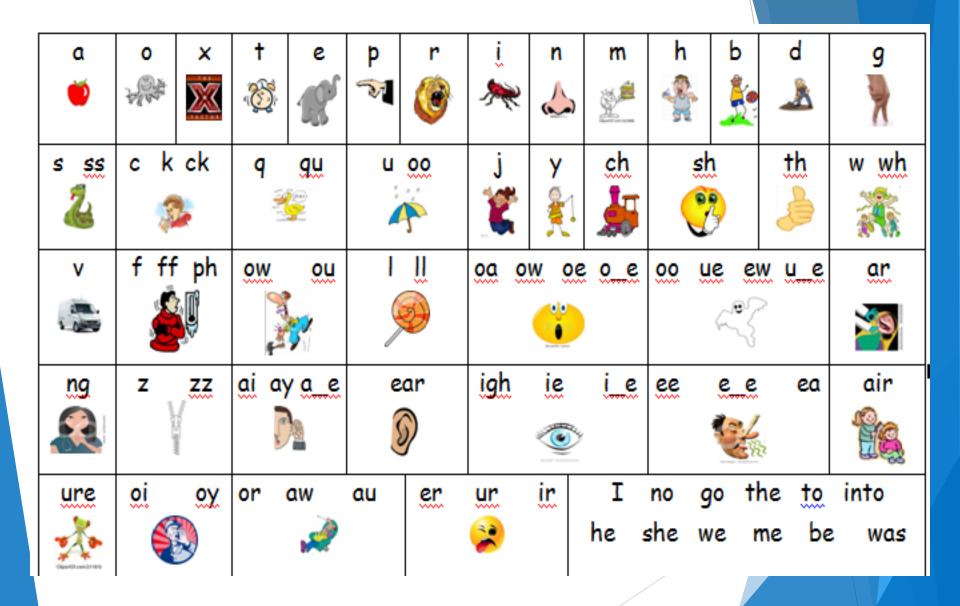
### What is phonics?

·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.

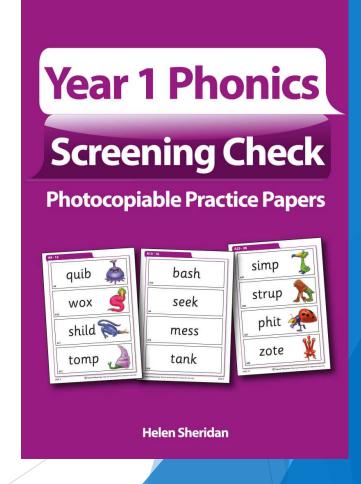


- •Children have a phonics lesson each day and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- •There are around 40 different sounds.
- •https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXOJUPNVnlc



#### Why are the children being screened?

The Year | Phonics
Screening Check was
introduced in 2012 as
part of a policy to
strengthen Phonics
teaching in Primary
Schools and reflect the
emphasis on teaching it
synthetically and
systematically.



# Why are the children being screened?

- •Every Year I child in the country will be taking the phonics screening check in the same week in June.
- •The aim of the check is to ensure that all children are able to read by the end of year two.

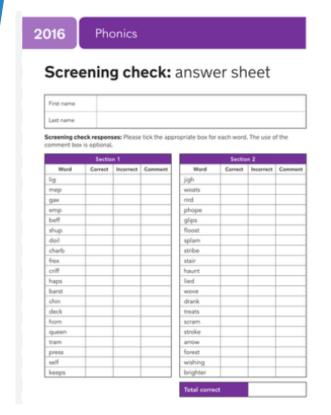
•This 'midpoint check' will ensure that we have a clear understanding of what the children need to learn in year 2.

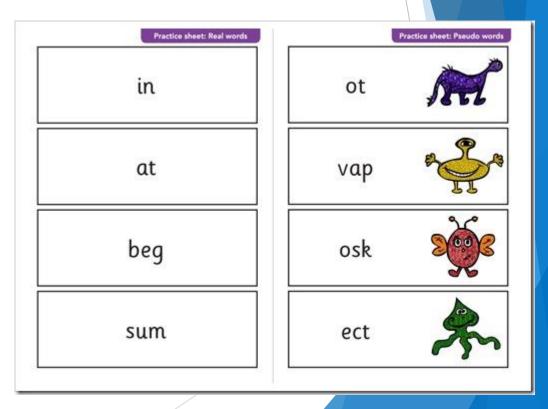


# What will the children be expected to do?

- •The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- •Children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together.eg d-o-g dog
- •The focus of the check is to see which sounds the children know and therefore the children will be asked to read made up 'nonsense' words.

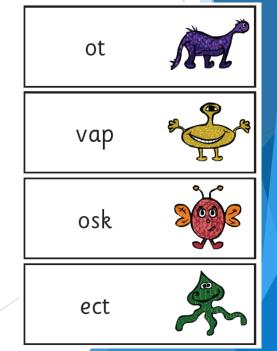
The children will be asked to read a list of 40 words to check their grapheme recognition and decoding skills. The words are made up of real words and non - real words.





Reading non - words can act as a useful tool to check whether children are secure in their phonic knowledge and can apply it to read any word. They check if children are using their decoding skills rather than relying on memorising words.

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## When will the screening take place?

•The screening will take place throughout the week beginning Monday 10th June. The children cannot retake the test at any other time so it is very important your child is in school during this week.

•The check has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.



#### Who will complete the check?

- •The children will complete the check one at a time in a quiet area of the school.
- •The screening check is administered by a familiar member of staff.

- •The screening will only take
- 5-10 mins with each child, but there is no time limit.



#### The check

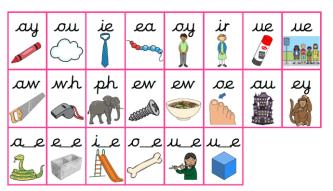
There are 2 sections to the test

Section I: words using graphemes from the earlier phases of Phase 3 digraphs and adjacent consonants.



Section 2: words that contain Phase 5 alternative graphemes and split digraphs

#### Phase 5 Sounds



### How can you help?

•Encourage your child to 'sound out' when reading or writing. Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns.

Eg

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

COW

<u>Trigraphs</u>- 3 letters making one sound

night

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant inbetween. Use to be known as the magic e!

spine - i\_e

# How can you help?

- •Encourage your child to use their sound mat when writing to find the sound they need.
- •Share decodable books together and encourage them to segment and blend the words.
- •Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like 'Buried Treasure'

http://www.phonicsp lay.co.uk/BuriedTrea sure 2.html



# Questions?

