

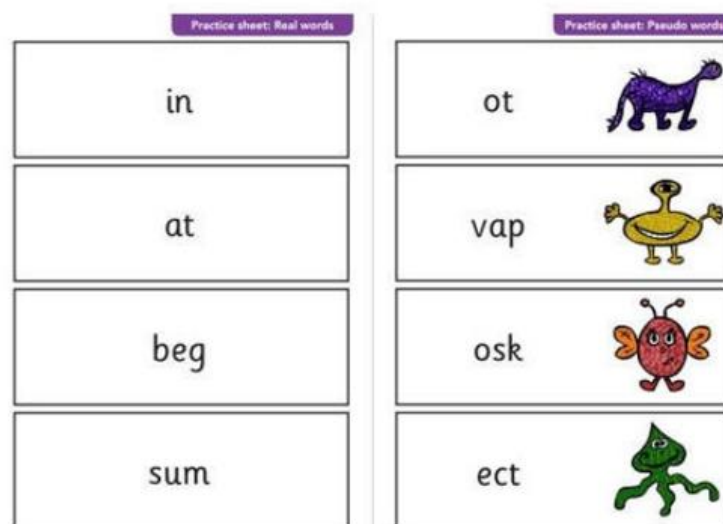
Phonics Screening Check

In Key Stage 1, the children are assessed at the end of Year 1 using a Government Statutory Assessment Tool known as the Phonics Screening Check. This screening check confirms whether the child has learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard and will identify sounds needing further consolidation in Year 2. The children are assessed one to one by the phonics leader Mrs Rowe who is a familiar adult to the children across Key Stage 1. The children are asked to read a mixture of real and alien nonsense words

FAQs

How will the children know which words are 'alien' (nonsense) words?

The 'alien' words are always presented with a picture of an alien, so that the children know that they are not real words that they might recognise. They are very familiar with this concept and practise it every day during our Read, Write, Inc. phonics sessions. See picture below for an example of how the check is presented.



How will the phonics screening be administered?

Each child is taken through the screening by the phonics leader Mrs Rowe on a 1:1 basis. This will be in a quiet area and there is no time limit.

Will we be told about our child's results?

The results of the check will be issued before the end of the school year.

What is the pass mark?

The standard threshold pass mark for previous phonics checks has been 32/40. The threshold is always released shortly after the phonics screening check has taken place.

What happens if my child doesn't pass the phonics screening?

Any child that does not meet the standard threshold will sit the screening the following year when they are in year 2, with the following year's cohort of year 1s. At Shortlanesend school we ensure children that do not meet the threshold will remain on Read Write Inc programme and receive additional intervention to develop their phonics skills.

When will the phonics screening take place?

The government requires that the check must be taken during a specific week in June. A pupil may only take the check the following week if they were absent during check week. If a pupil doesn't take the check during this period and returns to school after the two week window, they must be recorded as absent.

How can we support our child out of school?

In Spring Term 2, Mrs Rowe will be holding a Phonics Screening Check meeting for parents. Please read our parent information for ideas of how to support your child at home. It is important to read as much as possible to and with your child.

ACTION: Selection of Read, Write, Inc book bag books for reading with your children at home.

Which sounds will the phonics screening check focus on?

The check includes graphemes from all sets of sounds taught to the children since they started school. These are Read, Write, Inc set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. Please do not hesitate to come in and ask us questions anytime, either to your child's class teacher or Mrs Rowe our Phonics lead.