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Primary School

Phonics Screening Information



Every word is made up of sounds e.g. cat, ship, light.

There are:

- 26 letters in the English alphabet
- 44 sounds in the English language
- 150 ways of recording these sounds

We teach children how to read by learning about the sounds and the ways to write them through our daily phonics lessons.

During Phonics lessons, we teach the children new sounds, blending skills, how to read tricky words (red words which are not phonically decodable) and broader reading skills using a RWI Phonics reading book.

Children also take home an ORT book which provide children with a greater breadth of text types including non-fiction and poetry.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resources/watch/362/>



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This is where we start.

Simple Speed Sounds

Consonant sounds - strivety

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng	nk
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Consonant sounds - journey

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
k												

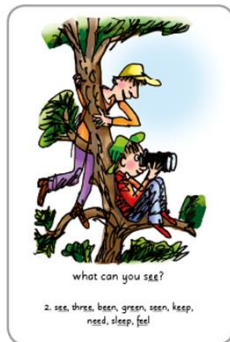
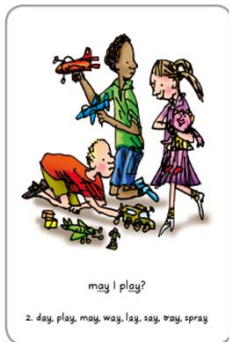
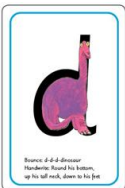
Vowel sounds - journey

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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Vowel sounds - strivety

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oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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This is where children progress to.

Complex Speed Sounds

Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c		se			
					ce					

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch				dge							





Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				ā-e	y	i-e	ō-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o
							y	

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							



What does the Phonics Screening Check look like?

Practice sheet: Real words	Practice sheet: Pseudo words
in	ot 
at	vap 
beg	osk 
sum	ect 



Phonics Screening Check

- The phonics screening check will be taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England the week beginning 10th June 2019 .
- Each child gets one opportunity to take the check.
- There will be two sections in this 40-word check and it will assess phonics skills and knowledge learned through Foundation and Year 1.
- It is completed 1:1 with a teacher and takes approximately 10 minutes.
- The pass mark last year was 32/40 (80%).
- Children who do not meet the threshold take the Phonics Screening the following June when they are in Year 2.



Why do we practice and assess phonics by using nonsense words?

- These are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with associated meaning e.g brip, snorb.
- Pseudo words are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using phonics skills and not their memory.
- The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of a monster. This not only makes the check a bit more fun, but provides the children with a context for the nonsense word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Crucially, it does not provide any clues, so your child just has to be able to decode it.



What can you do to support your child?

- Aim to read with your child everyday – preferably the Read Write Inc and Oxford Reading Tree books which are aimed at your child’s phonics ability
- When reading unfamiliar words, encourage your child to spot special friends (digraphs), use Fred Talk (sound out words) and say the word (blend) before discussing the meaning of the word
- Ensure your child is blending all the sounds clearly when they read to you



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What can you do to support your child?

Another great tool to help your child to practise their phonics is through online games and Apps.

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Mr Thorne does phonics



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For videos and other guidance:

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/miskin.education/>

www.phonicsplay.com

Thank you

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