

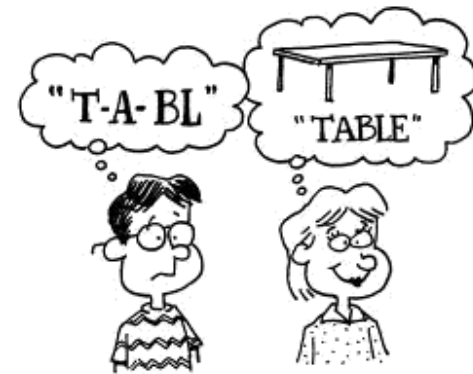


The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – Parent Information

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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.

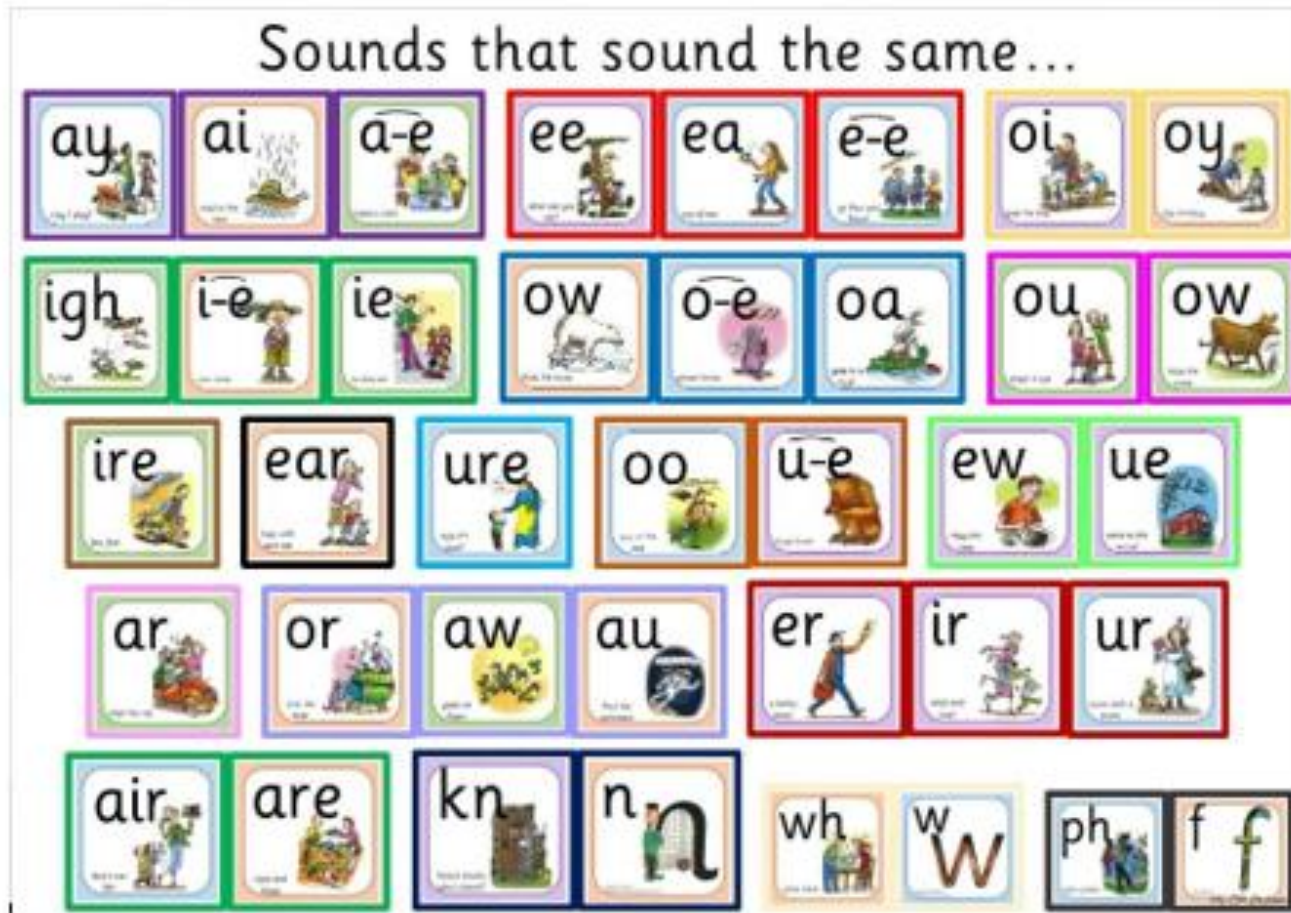


Our sound mats

Set 1 Speed Sound Map



Our sound mats



What is the Screening Check?

- ❑ The National phonics screening check is a statutory assessment that was introduced in 2012 by the government for Year 1 pupils. It is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge.
- ❑ The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.
- ❑ Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the statutory phonics screening check in the same week.



What will the test consist of?

- ☐ The test is estimated to take 4 to 9 minutes to complete
- ☐ Pupils will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together.
e.g. d-o-g - dog
- ☐ The check will consist of 20 real words and 20 non-words
- ☐ Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image.

Example of words

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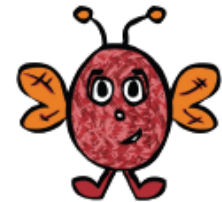
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How will it be administrated?

- ❑ Your child's class teacher will conduct the screening check with them;
- ❑ The children will complete the check one to one in a quiet area of the school;
- ❑ We are not permitted to indicate to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and / or blended the word.



Results?

- ❑ South Hill will be scored against a national standard (*yet to be determined by DfE*).
- ❑ We will inform you of whether they fall below or within this standard.
- ❑ If your child's score falls below the national standard they can re-take the Phonics Screening Check in year 2.



When does this take place?

The screening (challenge!) will take place throughout the week beginning

Monday 8th June.

How can you help?

Complete the homework tasks set home by your child's teacher.

Play the games in the packs available on the school website.

Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like -

- * Buried Treasure
- * Poopdeck Pirates
- * Picnic on Pluto



How can you help?

REMEMBER: Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader. Continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- ❑ Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues.
- ❑ Ask questions about the book;
- ❑ And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**



Questions?



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-sample-materials-and-training-video>