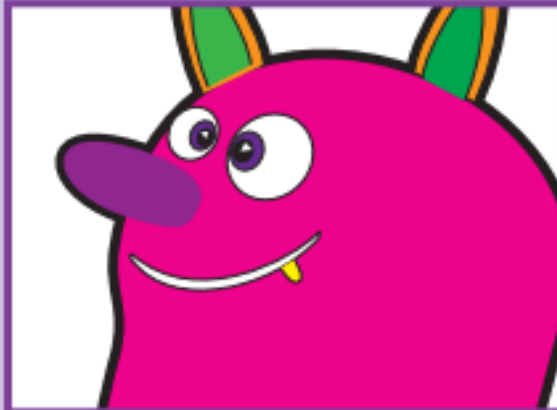


# KSI Phonics Screening Check



# 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 20 minute phonics lesson each day and they are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.

There are 40+ different sounds.





# What is the year 1 phonics screening check?

- Every Year 1 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.
- It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.
- It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.





# How is the phonics screening check completed?

- There are two sections in the 40-word check and it will assess phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1.
- Your child will read four words per page for their teacher.
- The children will complete the check one at a time in a quiet area of the school.



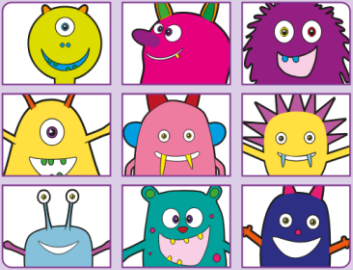
# What are nonsense, pseudo or alien words and why are they included?

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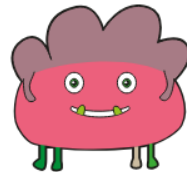
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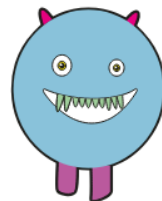
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### Section 2

swept

dreams

scrap

strike



# Is there a pass mark?

Historically the pass mark has been 32 out of 40. However, if children do not reach the required standard, then the teacher will be in touch to discuss plans and offer additional, tailored support to ensure that your child can catch up.

Children progress at different speeds so not reaching score does not necessarily mean there is a problem. Your child will re-sit the check if needed the following summer term in Year 2.





# When will the Screening take place?

The screening will take place throughout the week  
beginning Monday 10th June.





# How can I help

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







# Please remember

Phonics is **not** the only thing needed to become a *fluent* reader.

Please continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- Sound out.
- Re-read to check it makes sense.
  - Use pictures for clues.
- Ask questions about the book.

And most importantly  
**ENJOY READING!**