



Year 1
Phonics
Screening Check

What is phonics?



- Every school has to follow a systematic synthetic phonics programme to teach early reading
- At Anton we follow Read Write Inc
- Children have 40 mins daily discrete phonics lessons;
- 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;
- There are 44 different sounds.

The 40+ phonemes

Consonants: stretch

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
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Consonants: bounce

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

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

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What is the challenge?

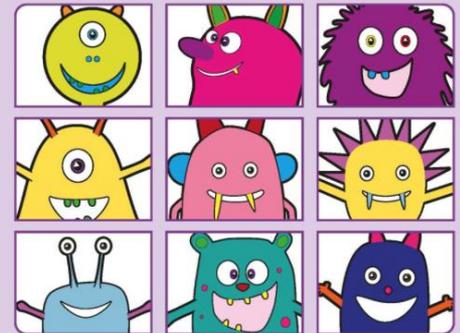
- Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking a statutory phonics screening check in the same week. This year it is the week commencing 8th June
- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete in their phonics lessons
- The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.

2024 national curriculum assessments

Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



What will the children do?

- The check will consist of 40 real and nonsense words;
- Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image.
- They will be asked to 'sound out' (fred talk) a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g - dog

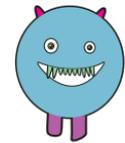
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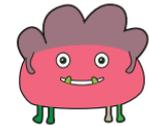
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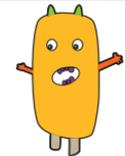
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How will it be administered?

- Staff will conduct all of the screening checks with the children so they will be with a familiar adult
- The children will complete the check one to one in a quiet area of the school. (It is not timed)
- Staff can pause a paper if they feel a child will benefit from taking a break and returning to it.
- Children can have a copy of the paper to draw on to support their segmenting.
- We are not permitted to indicate to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and / or blended the word.

and the results....?

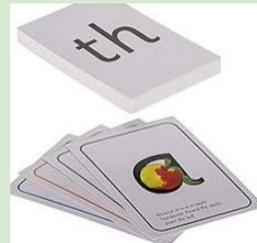


- The screening test will be scored against a national standard.
- The pass mark will not be released until after the tests have been taken - it is usually 32 out of 40.
- We will inform you of their score at the end of the school year in their end of year report
- If your child doesn't score 32 they will continue to be supported for phonics and then rescreened in Year 2 during the 2027 phonics testing window.

How can you help?

Ensure you use the pure sounds when supporting your child with phonics

Use our flashcard pack to support.
Use the RWI videos.



Speak to your child's teacher if you have concerns or want more support



Please don't worry :))

- We do not want the children to feel any pressure
- This is an activity they do regularly so shouldn't feel any different
- They can take breaks and adaptations can be made to support children who need it



