



Phonic Screening Information

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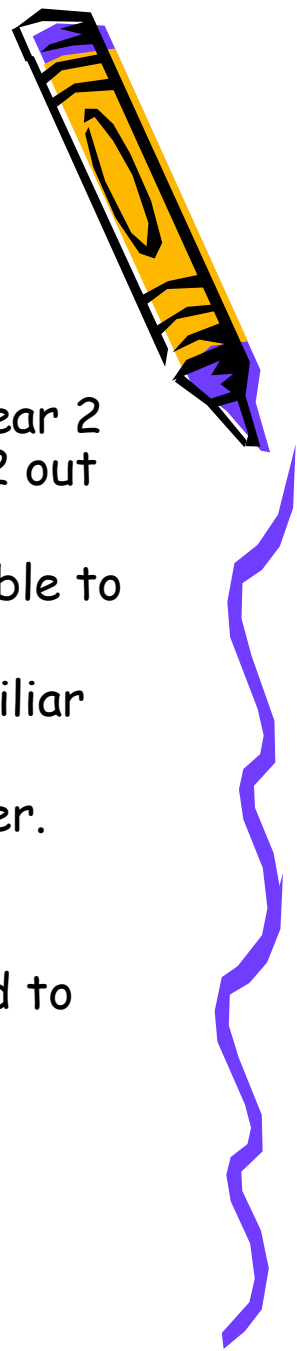


Phonic 'check' for Year 1

- What is it?
- When is it?
- How will it effect your child and what goes on in class?



What is it?



- **It is** an assessment for all pupils in Year 1 and any pupils in Year 2 who were working towards the national standard last year (32 out of 40).
- **It is** meant to assess how children at the end of Year 1 are able to phonetically decode words.
- **It is** conducted on a 1:1 basis, with a teacher the child is familiar with, away from the classroom.
- **It is** meant to take approximately 15-20 minutes to administer.
- **It is** meant to check whether the children are working within phase 5 in their phonics.
- The results are reported to local and national government and to you as parents.



What it isn't



- It isn't a reading test!!
- Although we think phonics is important it isn't the only way we will assess how your child is developing their reading.
- Phonics isn't the only way in which we teach your child to read.
- It isn't a reflection of how well your child is learning to read or on how hard they are trying!



What is the test?



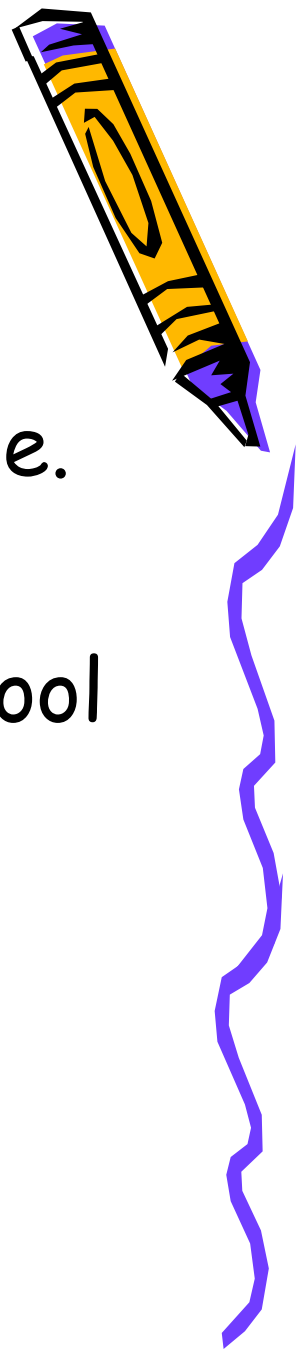
- The children have to phonetically decode a list of 40 words
- 20 of these words are real.
- 20 of them are made up. (alien words)
- Schools can choose to disapply children from the test if they think they will find it too difficult.
- The pass mark, or expected national standard, has been 32 out of 40.



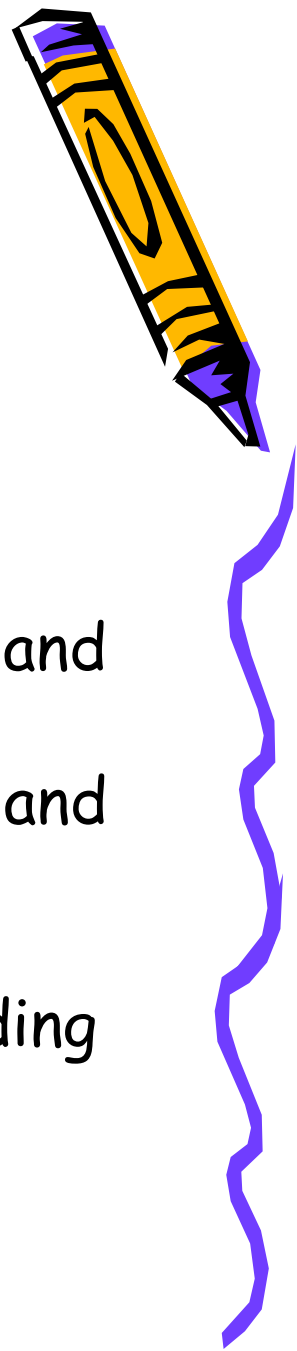
When is it?

- Week beginning Monday 8th of June.

Please make sure your child is in school for this week.



How will it effect my child?



- Classroom teachers may be out of class for periods of time during the week beginning 8th June in order to administer the test.
- We will report to you how your child has done and any particular difficulties they had.
- We will use the results to inform our planning and teaching.
- We will let you know if we have any particular concerns over you child's phonics or their reading in general.



Health Warnings!!

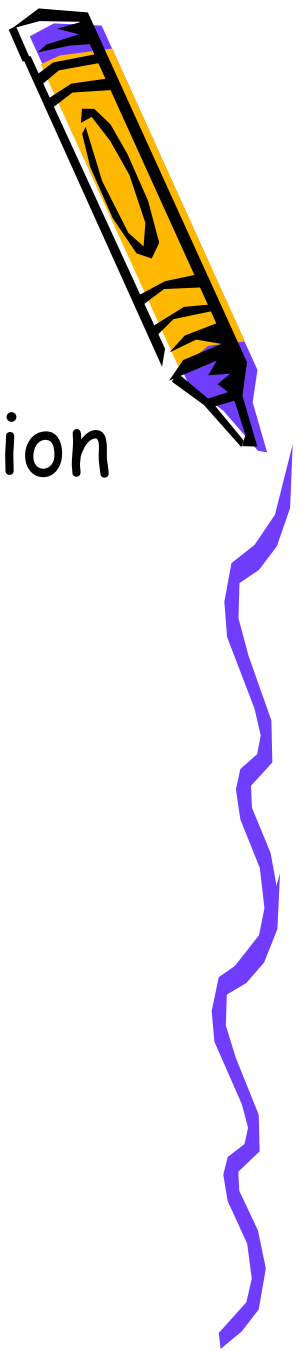


- Sometimes better readers find it difficult as they try and make sense of the alien words.
- It is highly likely that some children will **not** reach the pass mark and yet go on to perform very well in their Key Stage 1 SATs in year 2.
- In our opinion some children may be performing well within phase 5 (the expected level) and still not pass the 'check'.



What is 'phase 5'?

- Builds upon their phonics in reception (phases 2-4).



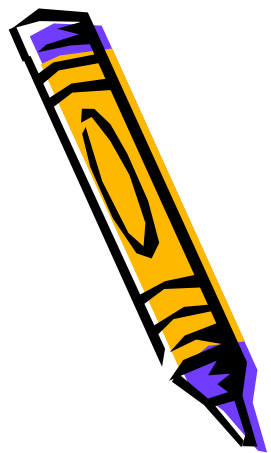
Phase 2

• s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d,
g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r,
h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss



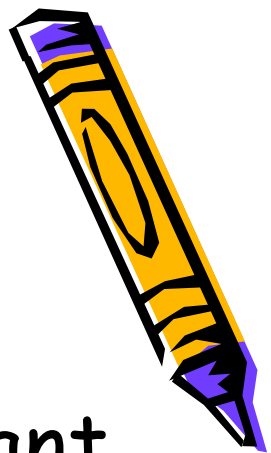
Phase 3

- j, v, w, y, z, zz, qu, ch,
sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh,
oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow,
oi, ear, air, ure, er



Phase 4

- Words containing adjacent consonant clusters and longer decodable words
- E.g. fl (flag), mp (lamp), spl (splash), st (boost)

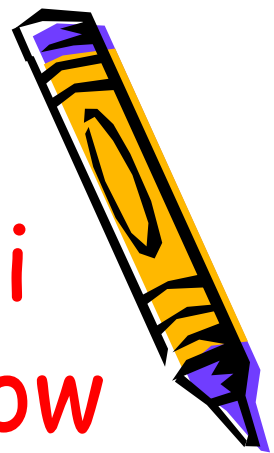


Phase 5



- ay (day), ou (about), ie (pie),
ea (read), oy (boy), ir (girl), ue
(clue), aw (saw), wh (when), ph
(phonics), ew (blew), oe (toe),
au (Paul), ey (money), a-e
(cake), e-e (even), i-e (like),
o-e (bone), u-e (cube)





- **a** (bacon, fast, was), **e** (he), **i** (mind), **o** (so), **u** (unit, put), **ow** (snow), **ie** (field), **ea** (head), **er** (herbs), **ou** (soup, could), **y** (my, gym, happy), **ch** (school, chef), **c** (cell), **g** (ginger), **ey** (they)



Examples of words:

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ot



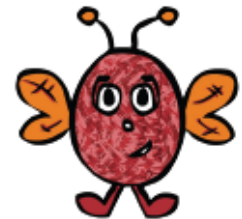
at

vap



beg

osk



sum

ect



How can you help?



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

Eg

Digraph- 2 letters making one sound

cow

Trigraphs- 3 letters making one sound

night

Split digraphs- 2 vowels with a consonant in between. Use to be known as the magic e!

spine - i_e



How can you help?



- Read with the children at least 3 times each week, paying particular attention to your child's RWInc books as it will focus on specific phonemes.
- Encourage your child to use their RWInc knowledge when writing and use the rhymes to go with each phoneme.
- Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. Education City and Phonics Play are super online websites.



Questions

