

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Week Beginning 12th June 2023

What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

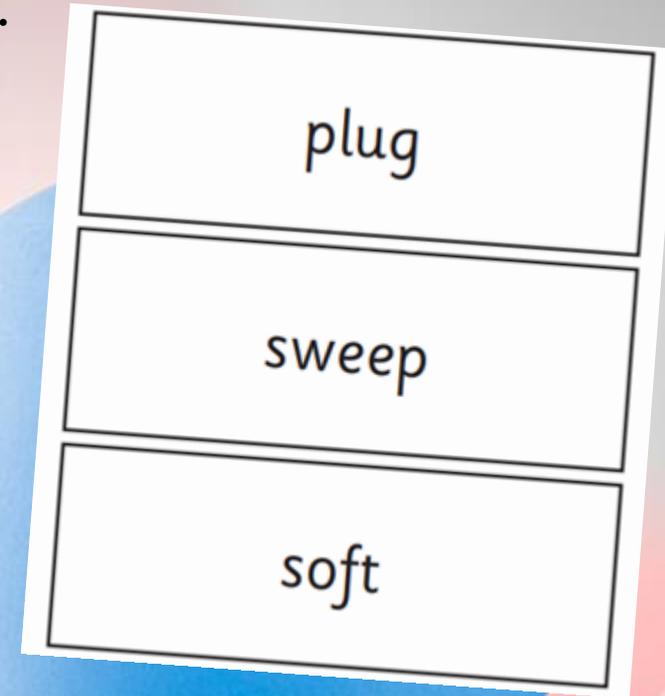
The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check was introduced in 2012 as part of a Government policy to strengthen phonics teaching in Primary Schools and reflect the emphasis on teaching Phonics **systematically** and **synthetically**.

Systematically - starting with the letters of the alphabet and building up to more complex combinations of letters making one sound.

Synthetically - breaking up words into their smallest units of sound and then blending these sounds together to read words.

What does the check involve?

During the screening check, children will be asked to read a list of **40 words** to check their grapheme recognition and decoding skills. The words are made up of real words and non-words.



Grapheme - A written symbol that represents a sound (phoneme). This can be a single letter, or could be a sequence of letters, such as; ai, sh, igh, tch etc. Your children may refer to these sequences as digraphs and trigraphs.

Why do children need to read non-words?

Reading non-words acts as a useful tool to check whether children are secure in their phonic knowledge and can apply this knowledge when reading any word (either real or made up). They check if children are using their decoding skills rather than relying on memorising the words. These types of words will be highlighted on the word list with a picture of an alien so children realise they do not have to try and make it a real word.

meck



joil



chort



shig



drell



How will the check be administered?

The check will be administered by a familiar adult in a familiar environment and usually takes no more than 10 minutes.

plug

There are 2 sections to the check.

shop

Section 1: Words using graphemes from the earlier phases of Phonics including Phase 3 digraphs and adjacent consonants.

fried

cute

Section 2: Words that contain Phase 5 alternative graphemes and split digraphs.

Do all Year 1 children have to take the check?

Mr Fielder (headteacher), together with your child's class teacher and Mrs Cork (SENCO) may decide that it is not appropriate for some Year 1 pupils to participate in the phonics screening check. This could include:

- Children working well below the expected standard in phonics.
- Those that have limited fluency in English or have recently moved to the UK and are unable to understand English letters and sounds.
- Those that use British Sign Language (BSL) or other sign supported communication to spell out individual letters and sounds.
- Children who are mute or selectively mute.

What is the pass mark?

Each year the score children need to achieve in order to pass the screening check isn't announced until after the check has been administered.

However, for the past several years the pass mark has remained at 32/40

The results of the screening check are submitted to the local authority by the school and will be shared with you as part of your child's end of year report.



What happens if children don't pass the check?

If children don't achieve the pass mark it is **nothing to worry about**. The teachers at Heathlands will be able to use the results to inform their future phonics planning, fill any gaps in children's knowledge and potentially offer additional support.

Children that do not pass the check at the end of Year 1 will get another chance and take it again in the summer term of Year 2.

How can I help my child to prepare?

Scan this QR code to access a list of real and non-real words on your smartphone or tablet. Practise them with your child regularly.



dut



vad



How can I help my child to prepare?

You can also scan these codes (these will also be sent home with your child) for more examples! The more you do them the more confident your child will be.



Set 1



Set 2



Set 3



Set 4



Set 5



Set 6



Set 7



Set 8

How else can I help my child to prepare?

- Share decodable books together and encourage them to segment and blend the words.
- Play fun and practical games where they are asked to read real and non-words.
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and is well rested.

Online phonics games

You can also use online phonics games. There are many websites which offer both paid for and free phonics games. Below are some examples and whilst not all of the games on these websites are free, some are:

- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- <https://www.education.com/games/phonics/>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>



The image displays three promotional cards for online phonics games, each with a distinct background color and theme.

- Buried Treasure:** The card has an orange border and a blue-to-green gradient background. It features two cartoon pirates on a beach. One is green with a green hat, and the other is red with a red hat. A treasure chest with a gold 'U' is between them. The title 'Buried Treasure' is in large, yellow, bubbly letters. Below the illustration, the text reads 'Buried Treasure' and 'Good for: Practising blending'. A white rounded rectangle in the bottom right corner contains the text 'Teaching Ideas'.
- Dragons Den:** The card has a green border and a dark grey background. It features two cartoon dragons, one red and one green, sitting on a rocky surface. In the background, there is a castle silhouette and two banners that say 'FAKE' and 'REAL'. The title 'DRAGON'S DEN' is in large, orange, jagged letters. Below the illustration, the text reads 'Dragons Den' and 'Good for: Practising blending'. A white rounded rectangle in the bottom right corner contains the text 'Teaching Ideas'.
- Picnic on Pluto:** The card has a teal border and a dark blue background with a starry sky. It features two cartoon aliens, one yellow and one blue, sitting on a picnic blanket. The yellow alien is holding a stack of yellow food items, and the blue alien is holding a stack of blue food items. There are also two small signs that say 'I ♥ FAKE' and 'I ♥ REAL'. The title 'PICNIC on PLUTO' is in large, yellow, bubbly letters. Below the illustration, the text reads 'Picnic on Pluto' and 'Good for: Practising blending'. A white rounded rectangle in the bottom right corner contains the text 'Teaching Ideas'.

Resources for parents

The following short video is a guide on how to pronounce each of the graphemes your child will encounter.

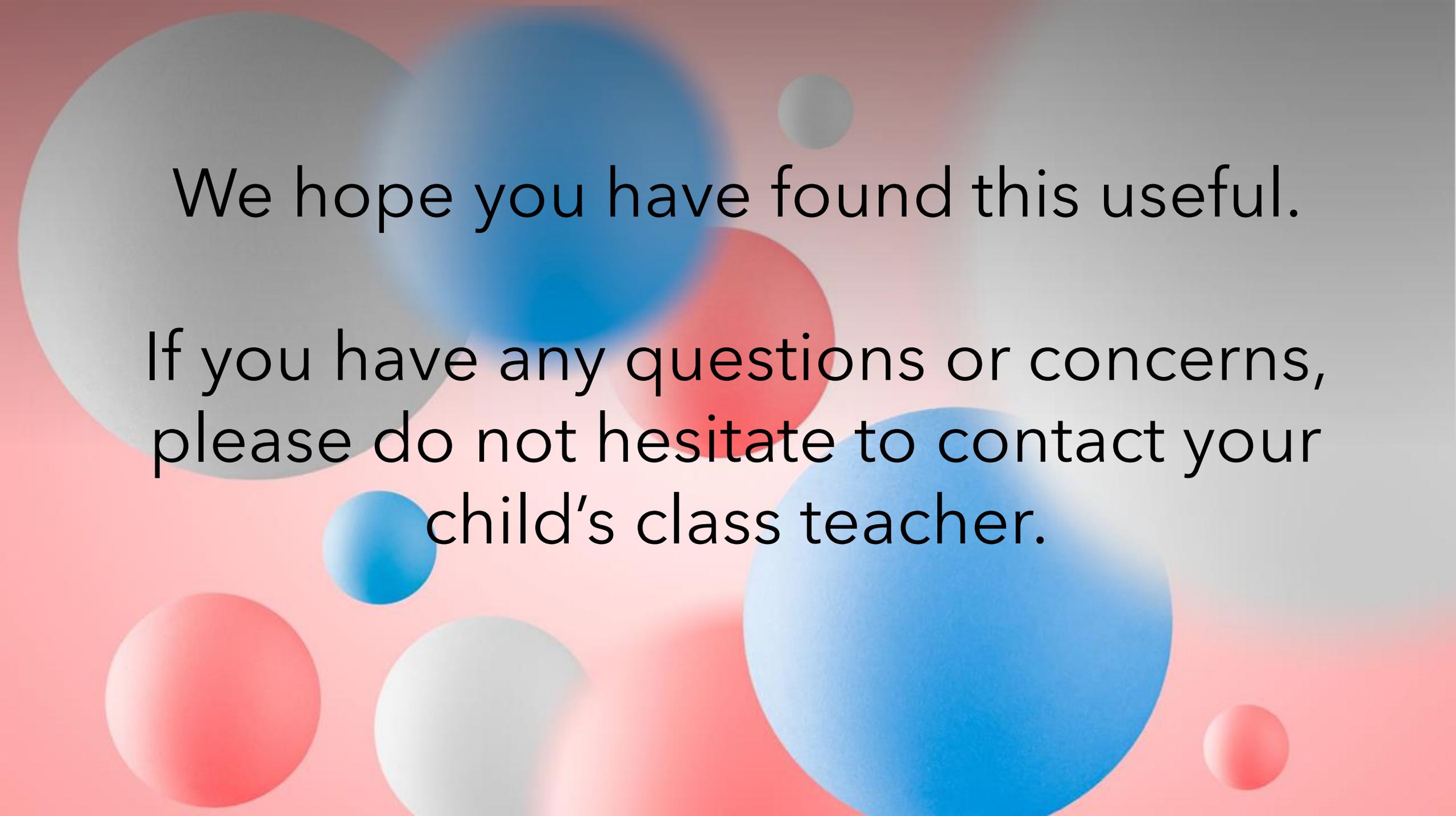
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n  net	m  mouse	d  dog	g  goat	o  octopus	c  cat
k  kite	ck  duck	e  elephant	u  umbrella	r  rabbit	h  hat
b  bat	f  frog	ff  cliff	l  ladder	ll  shell	ss  dress
j  jug	v  van	w  web	x  fox	y  yellow	z  zebra

Remember that the sounds might sound different in your local accent – those pronunciations are equally 'correct'

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