

Welcome to the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting

March 2026




This meeting will explain:

How your child will be assessed.



How we at The Rackham have been preparing for the Phonics Screening Check.



How you can best help your child.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The phonics screening check (PSC) is a statutory assessment for primary schools in the 2025/26 academic year.

How is it administered?

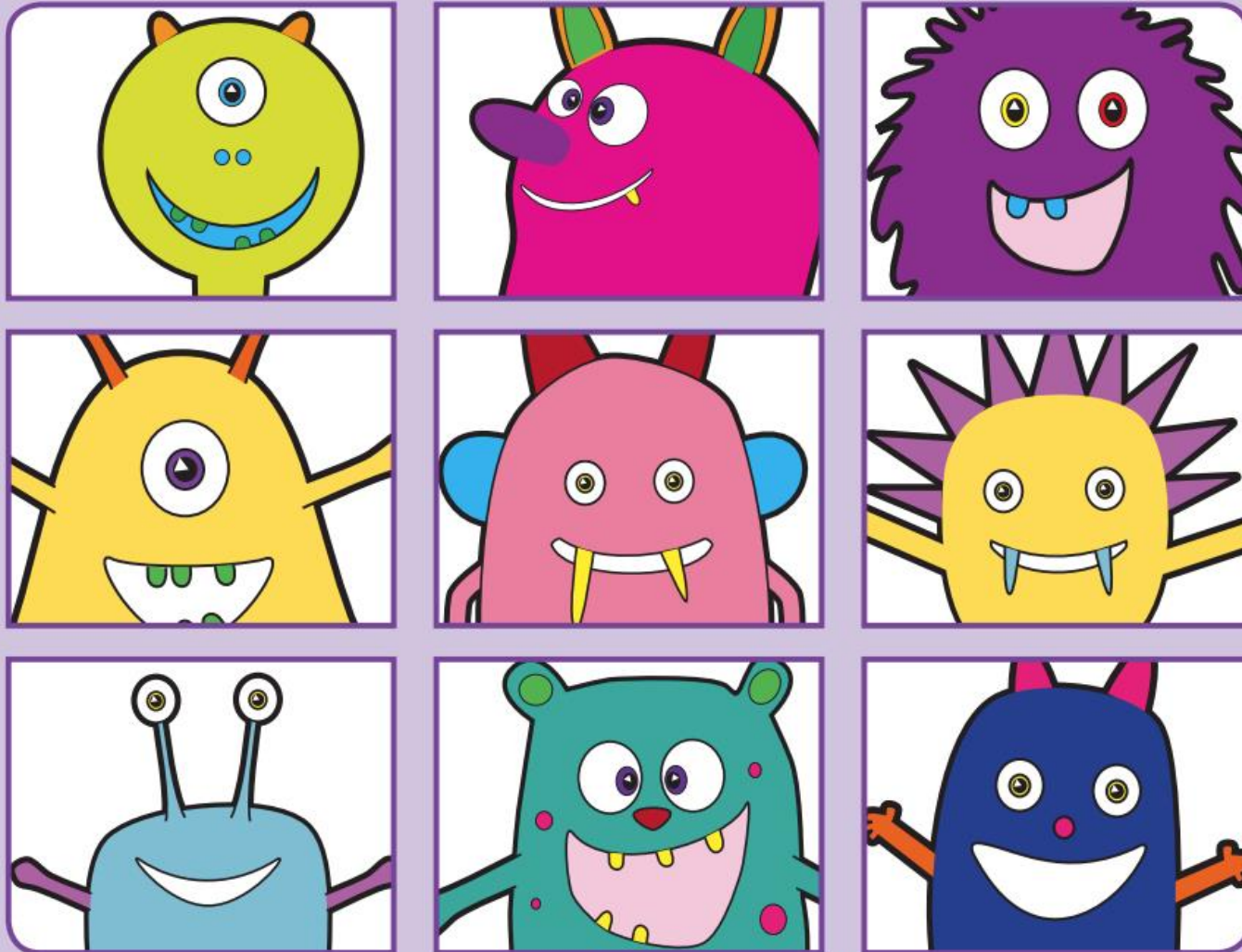
From the DfE guidance:

Teachers will assess students on their phonics decoding ability.

Students will be asked to read out 40 items with a teacher. These items will be a mix of real words and pseudo-words (alien words). The teacher will then score each item (1 mark for a correct answer) and total the scores to make up the mark for the screening check.

Phonics screening check

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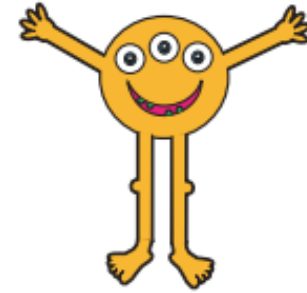
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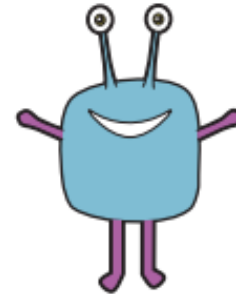
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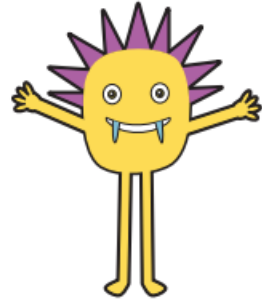


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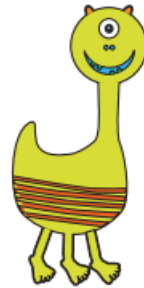
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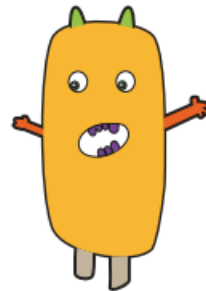
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Developing understanding in school:

- **Daily phonics lessons include blending real words and pseudo words.**
- **Opportunities are given to practise doing a phonics check with the teacher.**
- **Homework activities include reading real and pseudo words.**

Weblinks and practise:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>



How to support your child at home:

- **Support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best.**
- **Praise and encourage.**
- **Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.**
- **Support your child with any homework tasks.**



Please feel
free to ask
any
questions.