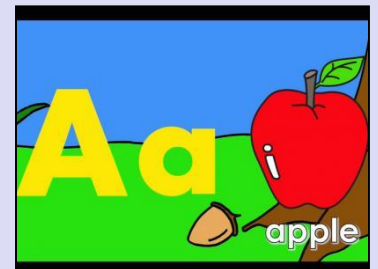


Phonics Screening Check

This parent guide aims to provide information about the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC)**

The PSC is a statutory requirement which schools must administer to Year 1 children in the summer term. The aim of the PSC is to ensure your child is making sufficient progress in learning to read.

This year, the PSC will take place throughout the week of **6th June – 10th June**. Attendance this week is vital.



Who administers the PSC?

The PSC will be administered by an adult known to your child. In Year 1, as the Phonics Subject Leader, this is usually Mrs Rawlinson.

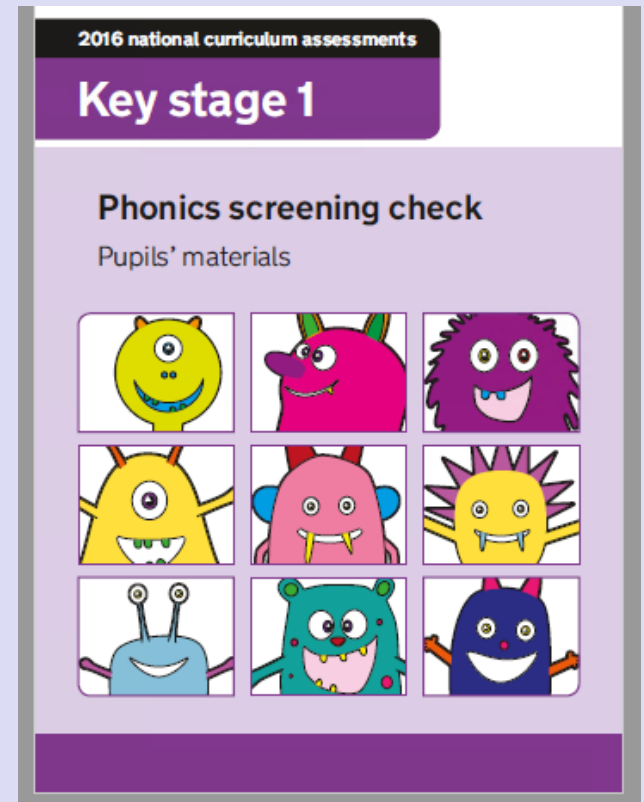
It is important to note, that the children are not told they are being formally assessed. They are usually told they are completing some top secret work! Please help us to reduce any anxiety for your child.

What does the PSC look like?

The PSC is a booklet containing **40** real and pseudo words.

The pseudo words will have an alien next to them so the children know this is not a real word.

Children will aim to segment and blend each word correctly.



The pass mark for several years has been 32 out of 40. If your child does not achieve this, they will resit the PSC the following year when they are in Year 2.

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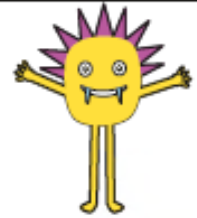
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How Can You Help?

- Following assessments, gaps are analysed and graphemes are sent home so your child can have more practise.
- Support your child when completing phonics homework on Education City each week. This helps to consolidate the sounds that your child has learned in class that week.
- Remind children to use their phonic knowledge when reading and writing.
- Play games and make spelling fun!
- Read! Read! Read! (and then read some more!) Books, comics, road names, shopping lists etc.

If you have any questions, speak to your child's teacher.

- This year, the PSC will take place immediately after the May/June half term break.

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