

# Welcome!

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**Year 1 phonics  
screening check**

**Standards and  
Testing Agency**

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# What is phonics?

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- A system that teaches children the alphabetic code to be able to read and write words.
- The English language is extremely complex so we have to teach it in a careful way that builds on what your child knows so they develop confidence.
- Little Wandles Letters and Sounds Revised

# What is the Phonics Screening Check?

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- Compulsory assessment for all Year 1 children
- Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- Children do not need to know this is a test.
- They will be aware that they will be reading some words 1:1 with their class teacher. They may think it is a 'phonics competition' or 'phonics challenge'.
- The less stress for the children the better they will perform.

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- 40 words
- 20 real words
- 20 pseudo words (alien)
- Blending for reading
- Decoding skills only - not assessing children's ability to understand and read for meaning.



# What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- Section 1 –
- Page 1-3 pseudo words
- Page 4 & 5 real words
- Section 2 –
- Page 6 & 7 pseudo words
- Page 8-10 real words

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# Why does the check include non words?

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- Non words are an established assessment method in many schools and are included in many phonics programmes.
- They are included because they will be new to all pupils, so there won't be a bias to those with a good memory of words.
- Pupils who can read non words should have the skills to decode almost any unfamiliar word.

# Useful websites

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)



[www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com)

The 'Odd and Bob' game interface shows two cartoon aliens, one green and one pink, standing next to a wooden sign that says 'kan'. Below them is a pink button labeled 'Phase 5'. To the right, the text reads: 'Odd and Bob', 'Bob' the alien loves real words, while his best friend 'Odd' loves fake words. Sound each word and try to give them their favourite treats!

**Skills taught:** Grapheme recognition, grapheme-phoneme correspondence, sounding out, blending

[▶ Play now](#)

# Scan the QR codes to access practise Phonics Screening Checks

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?