Year 1 Phonic Screening Check Key stage 1

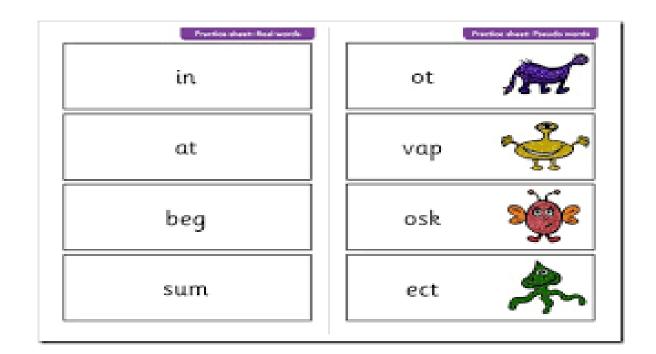
Phonics screening check

#### What is it?

- ► The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1.
- It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.
- It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skills.

## How is it organised?

- ▶ There are two sections in this 40-word check.
- ➤ Your child will read up to four words per page will probably do the check in one sitting of about 5-10 minutes.



## Why are nonsense words included

- ► These are words that are phonically decodable but are not real words e.g. brip, snorb.
- ► These are included to assess whether your child can decode a word using phonics skills and not their memory.
- ▶ They will be shown with a picture of an alien
- Children have been taught about alien words in their phonic sessions



#### Who does it?

► All children do the Screening check unless they have specific learning needs.

► The children do the check with their phonics teacher (familiar adult).

The teacher uses their judgement about how to best do the check (one sitting/ break). Stopping if necessary.

### What happens after?

- ► The school will report your child's results to you by the end of the summer term as well as to the local authority, but the results won't be published in a league table as with SATs. If you have any concerns, do talk to your teacher about this in a parents' meeting or after school.
- If children do not reach the required standard, then teachers plan accordingly (phonic sessions continue) and if necessary we'll offer additional, tailored support to ensure that your child can catch up.
- Children progress at different speeds so not reaching the threshold score does not necessarily mean there is a serious problem. Your child will re-sit the check in Year 2.

## How can you help at home?

- ► Reading (encourage children to look for friends, say sounds then read words)
- Sounds are in the reading diaries
- Phonic games / homework
- Phonic work packs
- ICT games
- BBC Bitesize phonics
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/
- Phonics play <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm">http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm</a>
- ▶ ICT Literacy games <a href="http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html">http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html</a>
- ▶ Letters and sounds games <a href="http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html">http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html</a>
- ► Galactic phonics <a href="http://www.galacticphonics.com/">http://www.galacticphonics.com/</a>
- Teach your monster to read app / game

# **Any Questions**

