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TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

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Teach reading: change lives

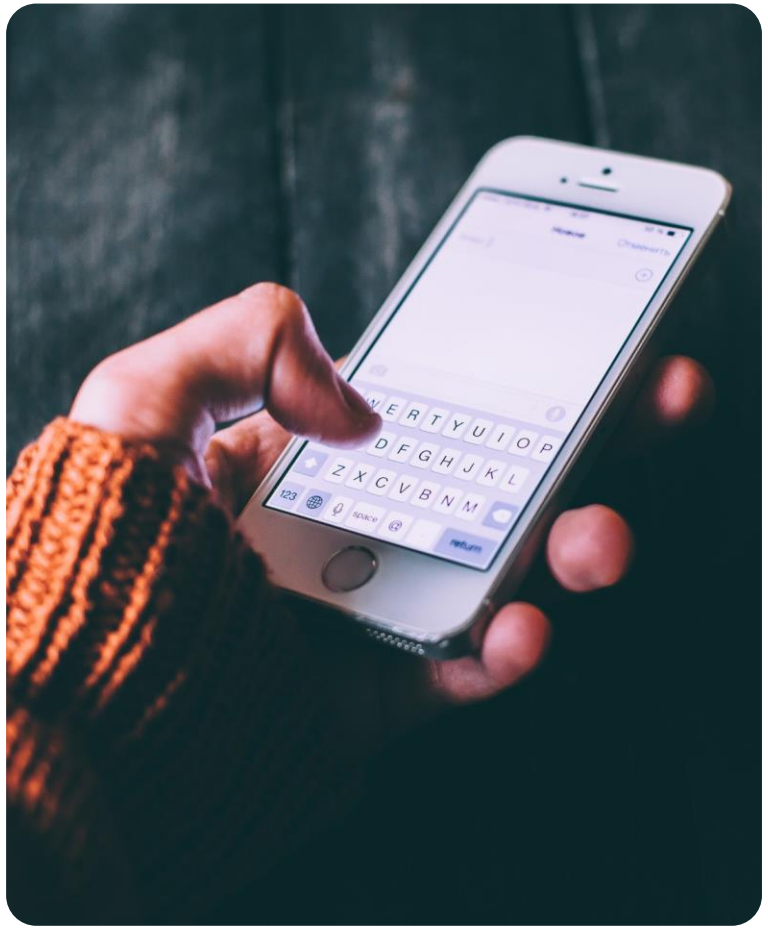
Parent workshop: Phonics and early reading

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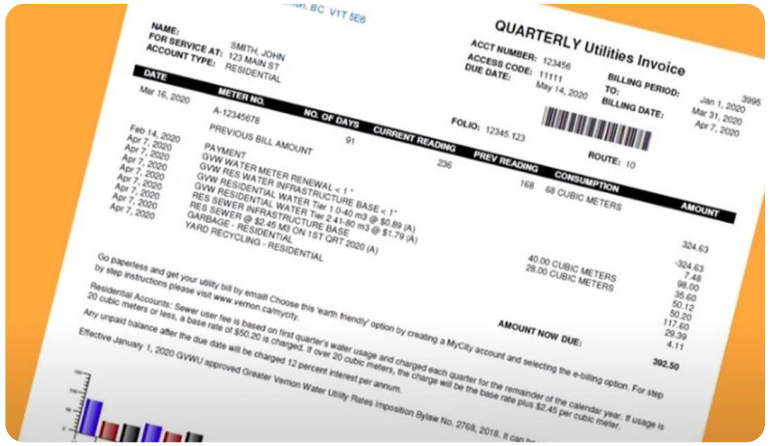
OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

How many times have you already read today?





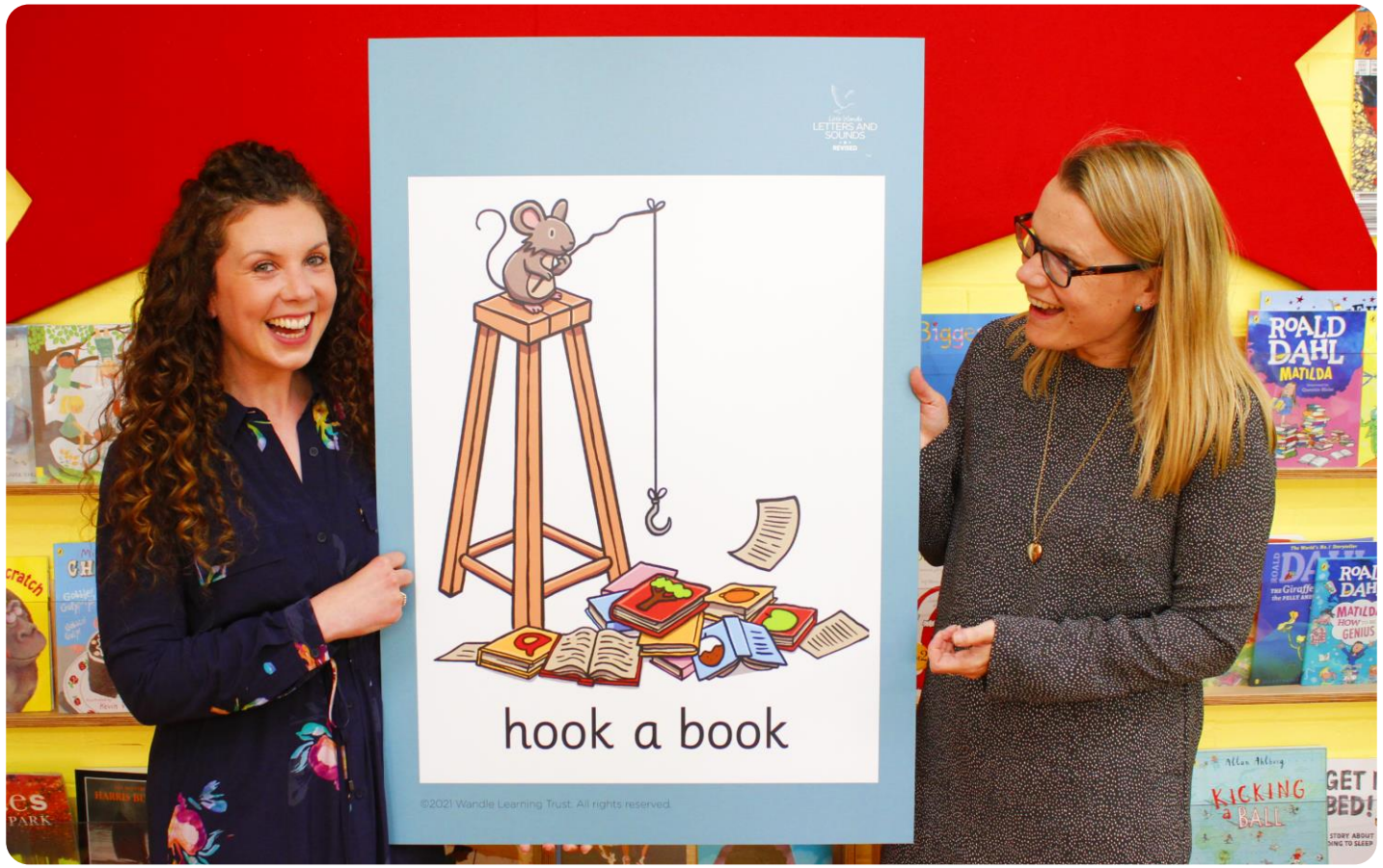




Phonics

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Our school has chosen *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our systematic, synthetic phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.



Phonics is:

making connections between the sounds of our spoken words and the letters that are used to write them down.

Blending to read words



Terminology

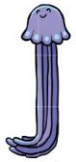
- Phoneme
- Grapheme
- Digraph
- Trigraph
- Split vowel digraph
- Blend
- Segment

Teaching order

Phase 2 grapheme information sheet — Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
s s	 snake	Show your teeth and and let the **s** hiss out **ssssss ssssss**	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
a a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the '**a**' sound at the back of your mouth **a a a**	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.
t t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press **t t t**	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.
p p	 penguin	Bring your lips together and push them open and say **p p p**	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.
i i	 iguana	pull your lips back and make the 'i' sound at the back of your mouth **i i i**	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot [on the leaf] at the top.
		Open your lips a bit,put your	Down the stick, up and over the

Phase 2 grapheme information sheet — Autumn 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
j j	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say **j j j**	All the way down the jellyfish. Dot on its head.
v v	 volcano	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing **vvvv vvvv**	Down to the bottom of the volcano, and back up to the top.
w w	 wave	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say **w w w**	From the top of the wave to the bottom, up the wave, down the wave, then up again.
x x		Mouth open then push the **cs**/**x** sound through as you close your mouth **cs cs cs** (**x x x**)	Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box. Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box.

Gradually your child learns the entire alphabetic code:

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised 2021: Programme progression

Reception and Year 1 overviews

This programme overview shows the progression of GPCs and tricky words that we teach term-by-term. The progression has been organised so that children are taught from the simple to more complex GPCs, as well as taking into account the frequency of their occurrence in the most commonly encountered words. All the graphemes taught are practised in words, sentences, and later on, in fully decodable books. Children review and revise GPCs and words, daily, weekly and across terms and years, in order to move this knowledge into their long term memory.

Children need to learn to read as quickly as reasonably possible, so they can move from learning to read, to reading to learn, giving them access to the treasure house of reading. Our expectations of progression are aspirational yet achievable if schools maintain pace, practice and participation by all children. Children who are not keeping-up with their peers should be given additional practice immediately through keep-up sessions.

Reception

Autumn 1 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f l	is I the

Autumn 2 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk • words with –s /s/ added at the end (hats sits) • words ending –s /z/ (his) and with –s /z/ added at the end (bags)	put* pull* full* as and has his her go no to into she push* he of we me be

*The tricky words 'put', 'pull', 'full' and 'push' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, they should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
ai ee igh oa oo **oo** ar or ur ow oi ear air er • words with double letters • longer words	was you they my by all are sure pure

Spring 2 Phase 3 graphemes	No new tricky words
Review Phase 3 • longer words, including those with double letters • words with –s /z/ in the middle • words with –es /z/ at the end • words with –s /s/ and /z/ at the end	Review all taught so far

Summer 1 Phase 4	New tricky words

Year 1

Autumn 1	Review tricky words Phases 2–4
Review Phase 3 and 4 **Phase 5** /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /ea/ ea each	Phases 2–4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today

*The tricky words 'put', 'pull', 'full' and 'push' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, they should not be treated as such.

Autumn 2 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute /ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw	their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want

*The tricky word 'ask' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, it should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/ee/ u funny	any many again

How we make learning stick



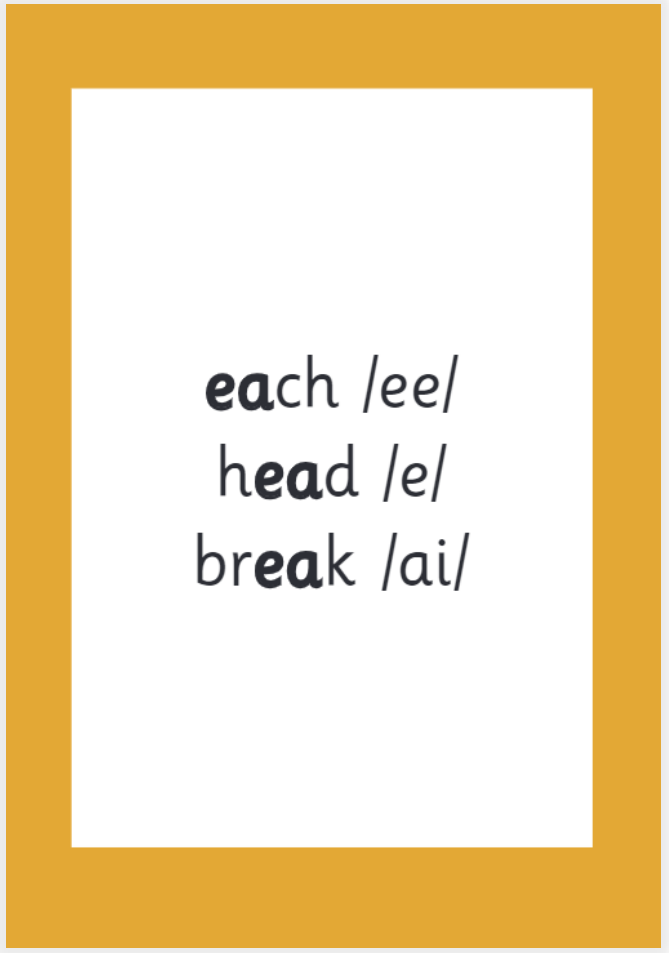




Reading and spelling

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And all the different ways to write the phoneme sh:

shell

chef

special

caption

mansion

passion

Tricky words



Spelling

- Say the word.
- Segment the sounds.
- Count the sounds.
- Write them down.

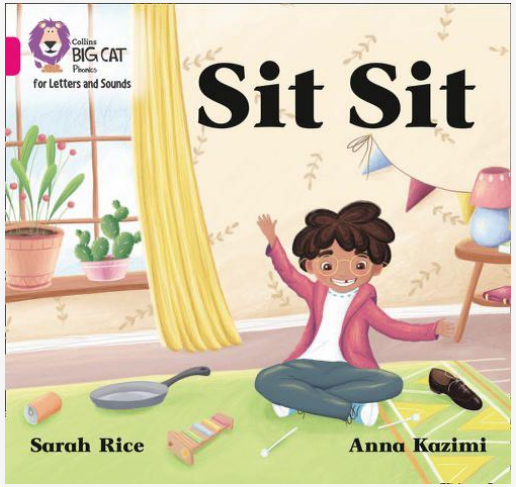


How do we teach reading in books?

Reading practice sessions are:

- daily
- taught by a trained teacher/teaching assistant
- taught in small groups.







We use assessment to match your child the right level of book

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Reception
Child assessment

Autumn 1

m	a	p	c	o
s	g	k	u	h
i	t	n	r	f
d	ck	e	b	l

sat	man	hug	red	peck



Reading a book at the right level

This means that your child should:

- Know all the sounds and tricky words in their phonics book well
- Read many of the words by silent blending (in their head) – their reading will be automatic
- Only need to stop and sound out about 5% of the words by the time they bring the book home – but they should be able to do this on their own.



Reading at home

The most important thing you can do is read with your child

Reading a book and chatting had a positive impact a year later on children's ability to…

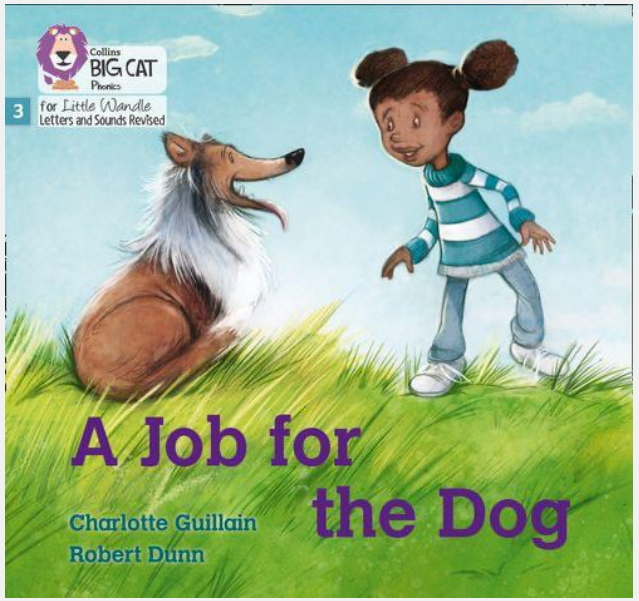
- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills.

The amount of books children were exposed to by age 6 was a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later.

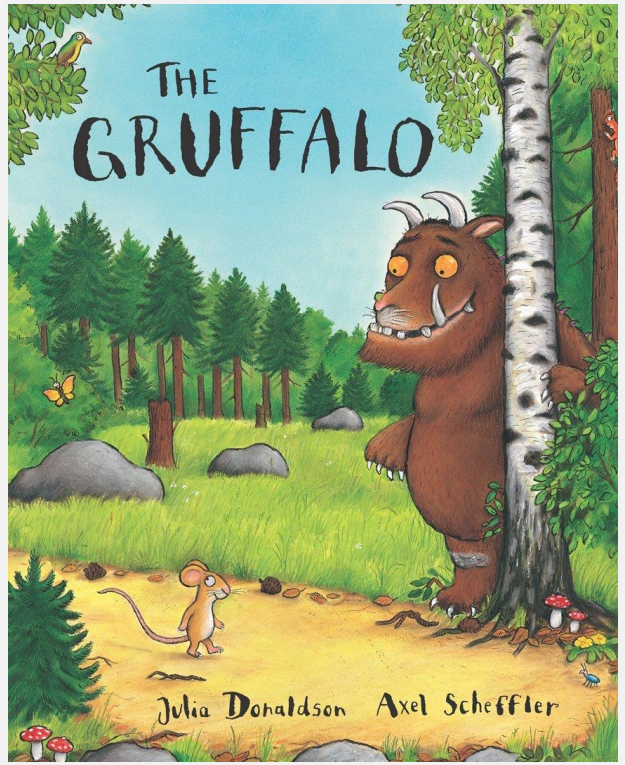


Parental involvement in the development of children's reading skills: A five-year longitudinal study (2002) Senechal, M. and Lefvre, J

Books going home







Listening to your child read their phonics book

- Your child should be able to read their book without your help.
- If they can’t read a word read it to them.
- Talk about the book and celebrate their success.



Supporting your child with phonics



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2



Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1

Read to your child

The shared book is a ‘reading for pleasure book’ from the school library:

- To become lifelong readers it is essential that they read for pleasure
- Children may not be able to read this book independently but they offer a wealth of opportunities
- They may be non-fiction with information to read and learn.
- You may enjoy story books together – discussing and sharing plot ideas and predictions.



Help your child with reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

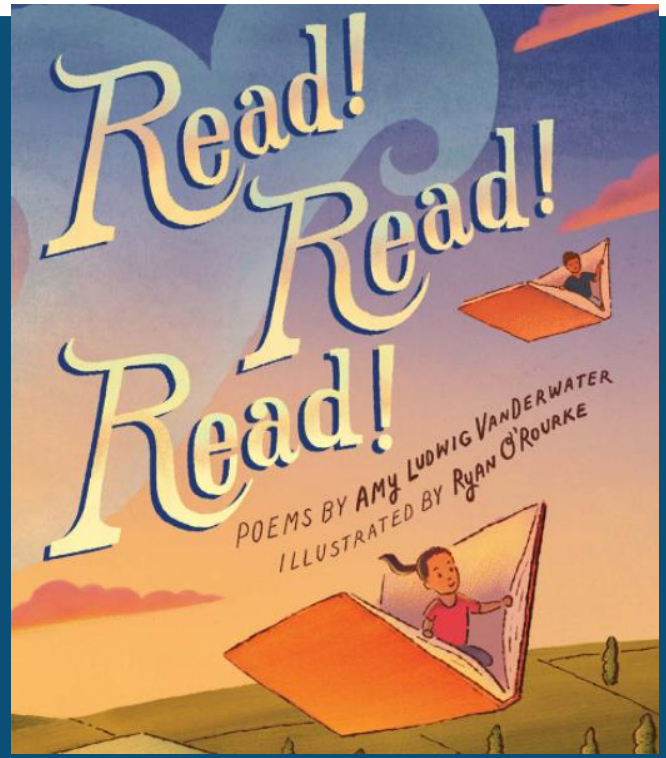
Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...

anything that is close to hand!



One of the greatest gifts adults can give is to read to children

Carl Sagan

Phonics Screening Check

Let’s say the Phase 5 sounds

Grow the code grapheme mat **Phase 2, 3 and 5**

s ss c se ce st sc	t tt	p pp	n nn kn gn	m mm mb	d dd	g gg	c k ck cc ch	r rr wr	h
b bb	f ff ph	l ll le al	j g dge ge	v vv ve	w wh	x	y	z zz s se ze	qu
ch tch ture	sh ch ti ssi si ci	th	ng	nk	a	e ea	i y	o a	u o-e ou

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Grow the code grapheme mat **Phase 2, 3 and 5**

ai ay a a-e eigh aigh ey ea	ee ea e e-e ie y ey	igh ie i i-e y	oa o o-e ou oe ow	oo ue u-e ew ou ui	yoo ue u u-e ew	oo u* oul	ar a* al*
or aw au aur oor al a oar ore	ur er ir or	ow ou	oi oy	ear ere eer	air are ere ear	zh su si	

*depending on regional accent

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How to say Phase 5 sounds

How to say the Phase 5 sounds

At Phase 5, children learn alternative graphemes for sounds introduced in Phases 2 and 3.

Sounds introduced in Phase 2

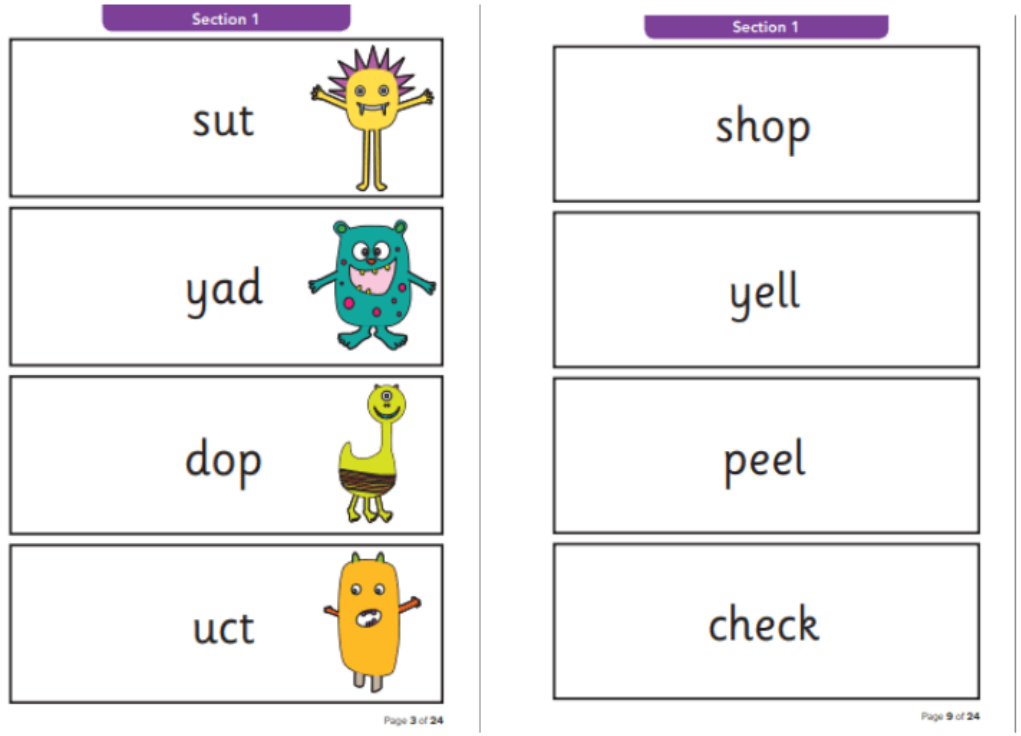
Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
s	Show your teeth and let the **s** hiss out **ssssss sssssss**	**c se ce st sc**
n	Open your lips a bit; put your tongue behind your teeth and make the **nnnnn** sound **nnnnn**	**kn gn**
m	Put your lips together and make the **mmmmm** sound **mmmmm**	**mb**
c	Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say **c c c**	**ch**
r	Show me your teeth to make a **rrrrr** sound **rrrrr**	**wr**
f	Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound **fffff fffff**	**ph**
l	Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press **llllll llllll**	**le al**

In term 5 there will be a Phonics Screening Check

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- It is a quick check of your child's phonics knowledge.
- It is **not** designed to create any stress or anxiety for your child.
- It assesses decoding skills using phonics.
- It consists of 40 words (20 real words, 20 'alien words').

If children do not achieve the required score in Year 1, they will retake the screening at the end of Year 2.



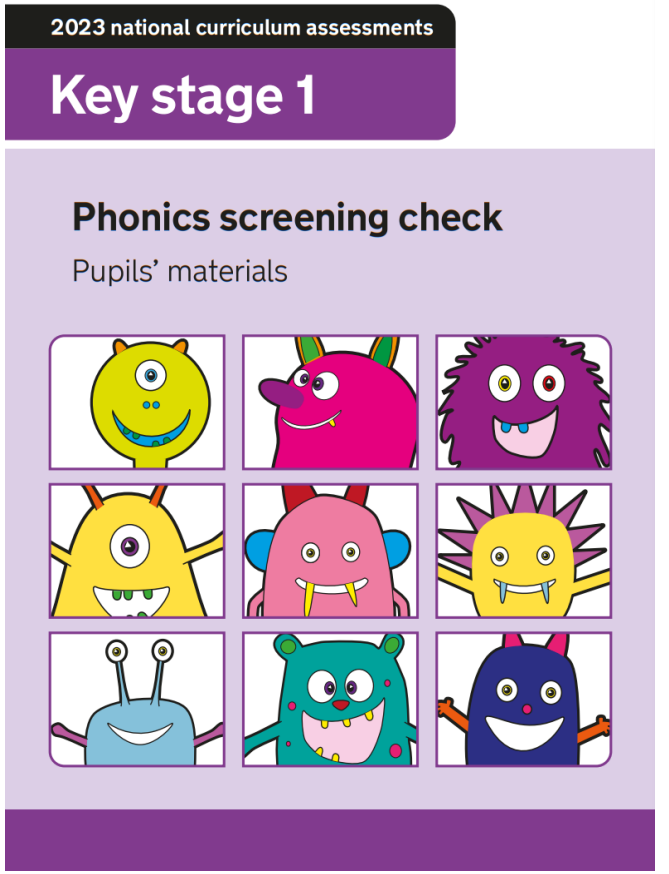
What are ‘alien words’?



- Alien words assess children’s decoding skills and are used in lessons for the purpose of preparing for the Phonics Screening Check only.
- Children cannot read these words by using their memory or known vocabulary, so they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.
- The check will contain 20 ‘alien words’.
- The children will be familiar with alien words as we have been reading them this term.

How does the check work?

- The children will take the screener during the week of 9th June.
- Your child will sit 1:1 with their class teacher.
- They will be asked to read the 40 words aloud.
- This takes just a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit.
- If your child is struggling or need a break the teacher will stop.
- It has been carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.



How can you help at home?

- Please don’t tell them they are going to have a ‘test’.
- Read their reading book with them daily. All the graphemes that they need to know will be in their books.
- Ask children if they can spot graphemes in unknown words.
- In school on time every day as it can be a squeeze to get through all of the children.

