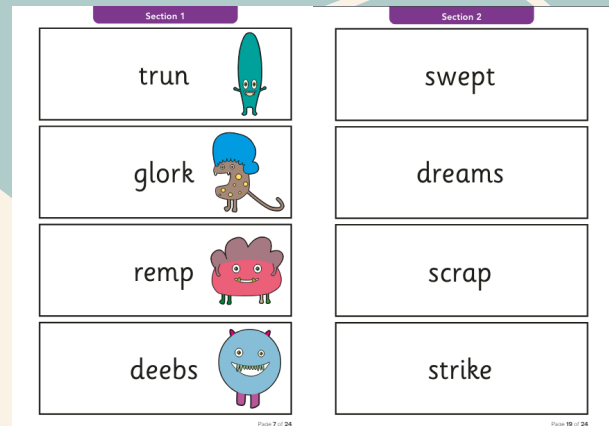


Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Children in Year 1 are required to take the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**. The check will consist of 40 decodable words, made up of 20 real words and 20 nonsense words.

All of these words are made up of phonemes that the children have been exposed to during Phonics lessons.



An example of 2 pages of the check

This year's check will take place in the week beginning **Monday 9th June**. The pass mark in previous years has been **32/40**. It is likely that this year's check will have a similar pass mark, but this will not be confirmed until the data has been sent away and marks are published in July. You will receive confirmation on whether your child has passed or not in their end of year report.

In the event that your child does not achieve the pass mark this year, they will be given a second chance in Year 2.

The check will be carried out individually by a familiar member of the KS1 team. The children will work through the words independently and we encourage the children to apply sound buttons to the words, as they read them.

REMEMBER:

Although the Phonics Check is statutory, it is just one indicator of what your child can do. This check only assesses phonics ability – the ability to segment and blend words, and does not give any indication of children's comprehension or further reading skills

Not passing the check, **DOES NOT** mean that your child is a bad reader. Some of the best readers struggle with the check, as the nonsense words are deliberately similar to real words, making sounding out really important. We will ensure your child is in their best place to sit the test.

Some Top Tips ...

- Use the packs we have sent home previously
- Go through past papers available on the Gov website, with your child
- Practise with the green words at the front of your child's reading book
- Play games involving creating silly words
- Most importantly, **don't worry!** The children will be well-prepared