

**YEAR 1 PSC
2023**

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Week of June 12th.

We do not tell them it is a test and if they pass or not. We just say they are reading to us and to read all the words. They have had experience of this before so will not seem unusual or worrying for them. The test is not timed.

We are not allowed to prompt the children or let them know if they are correct or not. We cannot ask them to try again.

You will find out the results in July.

STRATEGIES

Two types of words in the test.

Real words and Alien words.

Your child will know if it is an alien word as it has a picture of a alien!

We teach alien words in a very particular way

- Remind the children they are nonsense words. So will not make sense.
- We say they must always sound out an alien word. Do not try to read it with fluency. Remind them not to rush.
- First find the diagraph/trigraph. Your child can point to it or draw under it.
- Then sound it out.

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OTHER STRATEGIES

REAL WORDS

- These can be read with fluency but we don't want the children to rush them. In the test we will not be able to tell your child to re-read the words if they have read them incorrectly, even if we know it is just because they gave rushed.
- Encourage your child to find the diagraph/trigraph. Then point to each sound as they read the words. This is to encourage them to really look carefully. When we did our mock screening test lots of children rushed and made mistakes like
gobble for globe

There is no other context to help them read the word (e.g. if they were reading a sentence they could use the sense of the sentence to help them read correctly.)