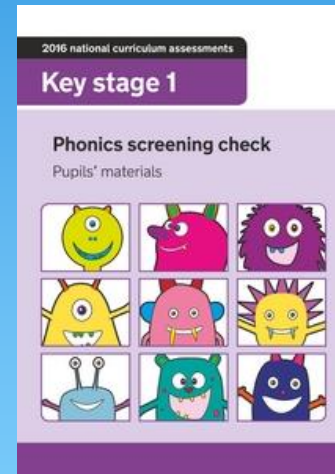


Phonics Screening Check – Year 1



Castle Newnham



Information for parents and
carers

Purpose of the phonics screening check.

Department for Education states:

The purpose of the phonics screening check will be to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age appropriate standard.

When does the screening take place?

It will commence from Monday, 11th June 2018 for all children in Year 1 and for those retaking in Year 2.

If your child is absent during the allocated days then they will complete the screening check on another day within the Department for Education allocated time frame.

How does the check work

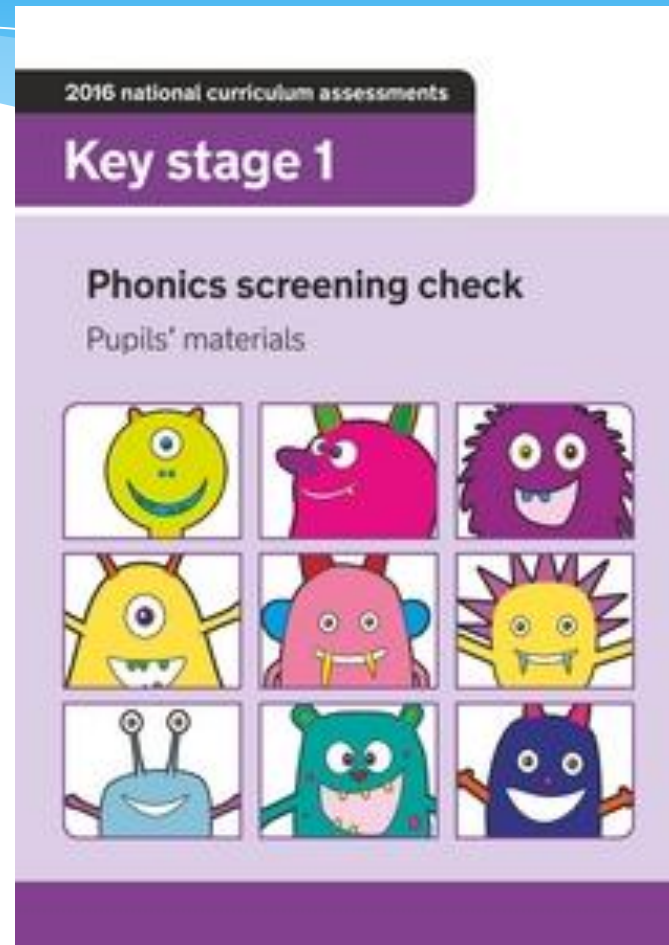
- * Your child will sit with a teacher they know and asked to read aloud 40 words.
- * They will be asked to use their blending skills to read the words.
- * It usually takes between 5 to 10 minutes for a child to complete the check and it is carefully designed not to be stressful for any children.



The Year 1 Phonics Screener

The screener is split into two sections and consists of:

- * 20 real words
- * 20 'non-words' (you may hear the children refer to these as alien words).



Structure of the Phonics Screener

There are some practice words before the phonics screener begins. These are designed to familiarise the children with the activity.

Practice sheet: Real words

in

at

beg

sum

Real words!

The children are presented with real words which increase in difficulty as the screener progresses.

Some of these words will require the children to recognise letter combinations in order to blend them.

grand

cloaks

scrap

strike

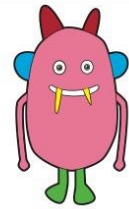
Why non words or 'alien' words?

The non words or alien words are included because children can't read them from memory so they have to use their phonic, decoding skills instead.

The non words require blending with two, three and four letters together. The increase in difficulty as with the real words.

Section 1

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jat



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Spellings

- * You will have noticed that our weekly spellings follow a particular pattern or ‘sound’ each week.
- * We focus on these sounds for a week at a time.
- * We will introduce ‘alien’ word homework type activities to support the development of decoding skills

Date: 19 th Jan 2018	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
night					
find					
cry					
smile					
pie					

Reporting the results

- * Teachers will inform you in the end of year report if your child has met the required standard to 'pass' the screening check.
- * If your child doesn't meet the expected standard we will continue to monitor and support them in Year 2 where they will take the test again.
- * Unfortunately we do not know the pass rate as this is released after the screener once all scores have been collated nationally but expect it to be around the 32/33/34 out of 40 mark.

Useful links/videos for parents and carers

* Sounds Write information for parents:

<http://www.sounds-write.co.uk/page-84-downloads-links-for-parents-teachers.aspx>

* Year 1 phonics screening video for teacher training

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ_ZEBh1Bk