




## Phonics Screening Check

- A short assessment in the second half of the summer term to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.
- Assesses only one of the many aspects of reading.
- It is compulsory –It is a statutory requirement for all schools to carry out the screening check.
- All Year 1 children must take the test. Materials can be adapted to accommodate special educational needs and disabilities.
- Comprises a list of 40 words and non-words, which the child reads one-to-one with a teacher.
- Half the words cover phonic skills which tend to be covered in Reception. Half the words are based on Year 1 phonic skills.
- Identify children who need extra help with their reading skills.
- Children who do need this extra help will be asked to retake the check the following year.
- Schools are told each year when to carry out the assessment. After they have been completed the government will publish the pass mark. We will then report to you whether or not your child has passed the screening check.

The picture below gives you an idea of what the Phonics Screening Check looks like.

Practice sheet: Real words	Practice sheet: Pseudo words
in	ot 
at	vap 
beg	osk 
sum	ect 