



The Batt C.E. School



# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check



# What is it?



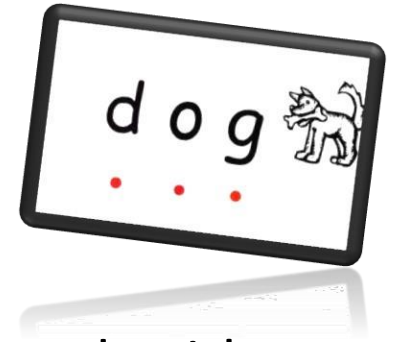
- Every Year 1 child in the country will be takes a statutory phonics screening check in the same week in June.
- The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons.
- The focus of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.



# What will the children do?



- Each check will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete;
- They will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g – dog;
- The check will consist of 40 words and non-words;
- Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image;
- The children can have more time, if they need it.



# Examples of words

in

at

beg

sum

ot



vap



osk



ect



# How will it be administered?



- Teachers will conduct all of the screening checks with the children;
- The children will complete the check one to one in a quiet area of the school;
- We are not permitted to indicate to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and / or blended the word.

# And the results...?



- The children will be scored against a national standard (*determined by DfE*).
- We will inform you of whether your child falls below or within this standard.
- If your child's score falls below the national standard they can re-take the Phonics Screening Check in Year 2.



# How can you help?



Encourage children to break words into their constituent sounds to then blend for reading.

Revise the sounds the children already know.

Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. The children particularly like

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>



# Sound Buttons



- The children like to sound button words to help them spot sounds.

- This is something you could practise doing at home.

Can you spot the phonemes in these words?  
Put sound buttons underneath

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Speed</b><br>● ● — ● ●  | <b>crayon</b><br>● ● — ● ● ●   |
| <b>Slight</b><br>● ● — ● ● | <b>toast</b><br>● ● — ● ● ●    |
| <b>Broom</b><br>● ● — ● ●  | <b>foil</b><br>● — ● ●         |
| <b>Crawl</b><br>● ● — ● ●  | <b>jumper</b><br>● ● ● ● — ● ● |



# How can you help?



**Remember:** Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader. Continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues.
- Ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding of what they are reading.
- And most importantly **ENJOY READING!**

