



**SUPERSONIC**  
Phonic Friends

Year 1 Phonics Screening 2025

# What is Phonics?

Phonics is an effective way of teaching children to read. Through phonics, children are taught how to:

- Recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes
- Identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make, such as 'sh' or 'oo'
- Blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.

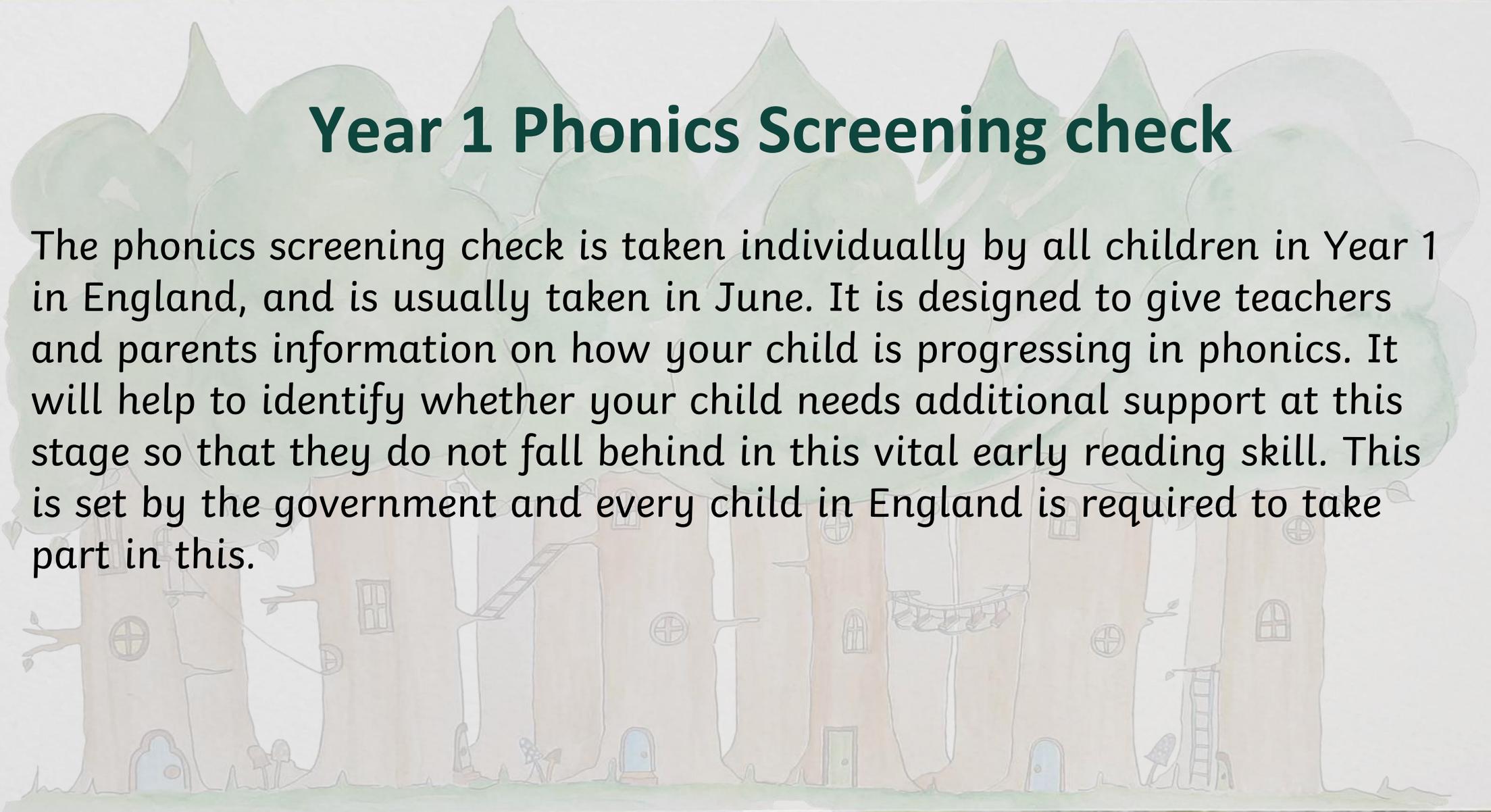
## Why Phonics?

A Phonics structure enables all children to acquire reading skills within the first two years of their school life (Reception and Year 1). In this time children are taught systematically to be able to decode and read words with accuracy.

Children can then use this knowledge to 'decode' new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read. Decoding in reading is the process of translating printed words into speech. Decoding is the skill to see the letters and translate these into the phonemes (sounds) to blend words.

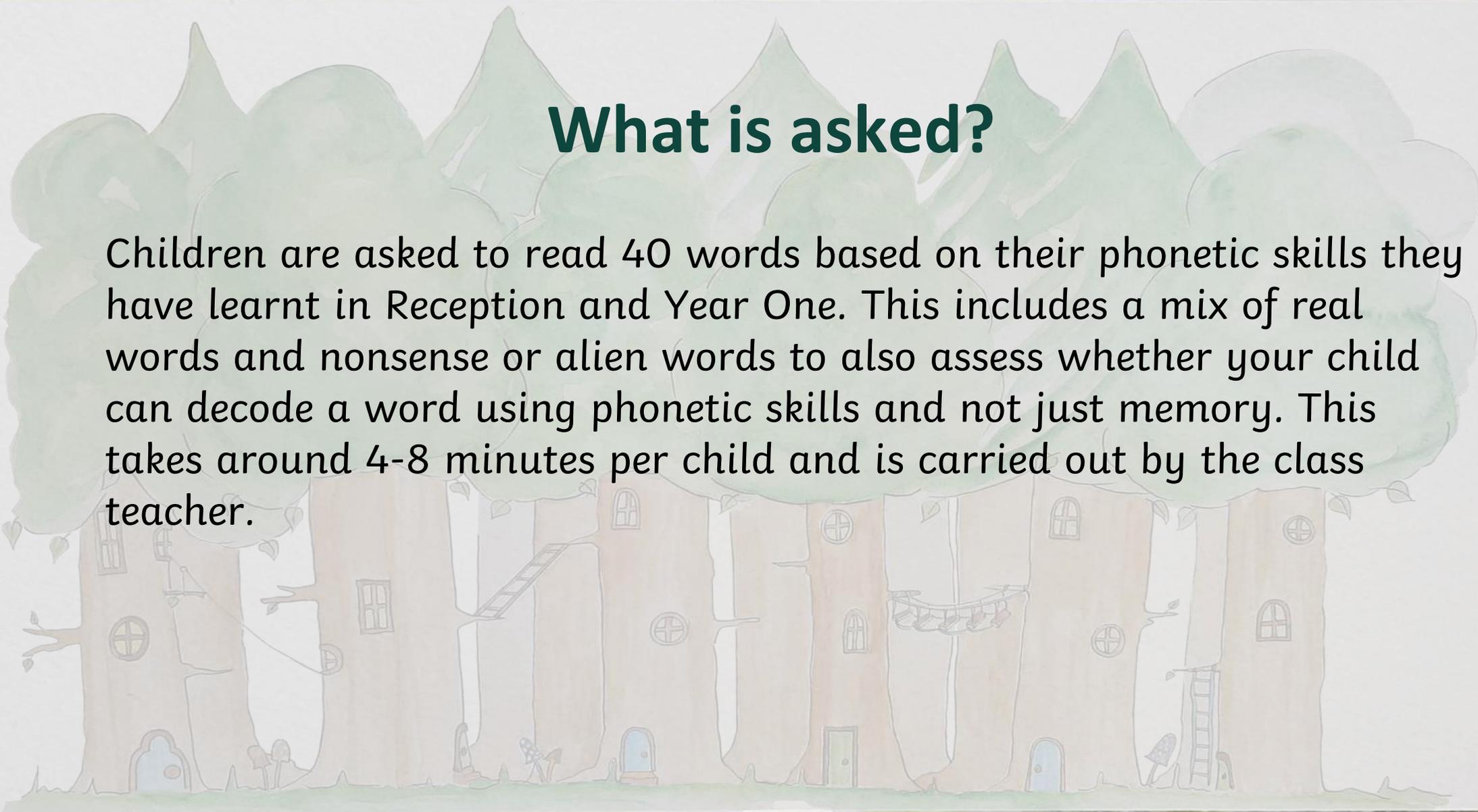
# Year 1 Phonics Screening check

The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England, and is usually taken in June. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill. This is set by the government and every child in England is required to take part in this.



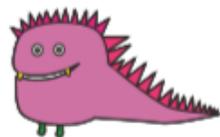
## What is asked?

Children are asked to read 40 words based on their phonetic skills they have learnt in Reception and Year One. This includes a mix of real words and nonsense or alien words to also assess whether your child can decode a word using phonetic skills and not just memory. This takes around 4-8 minutes per child and is carried out by the class teacher.

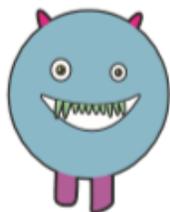


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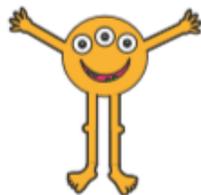
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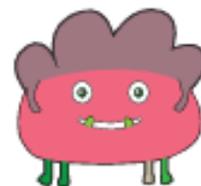
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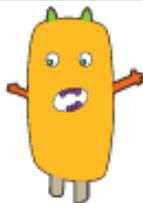
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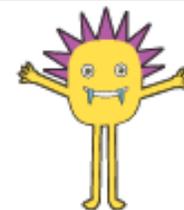
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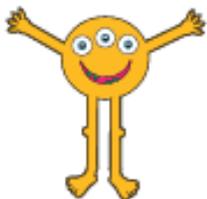


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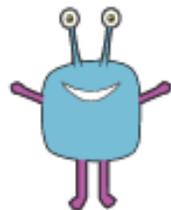
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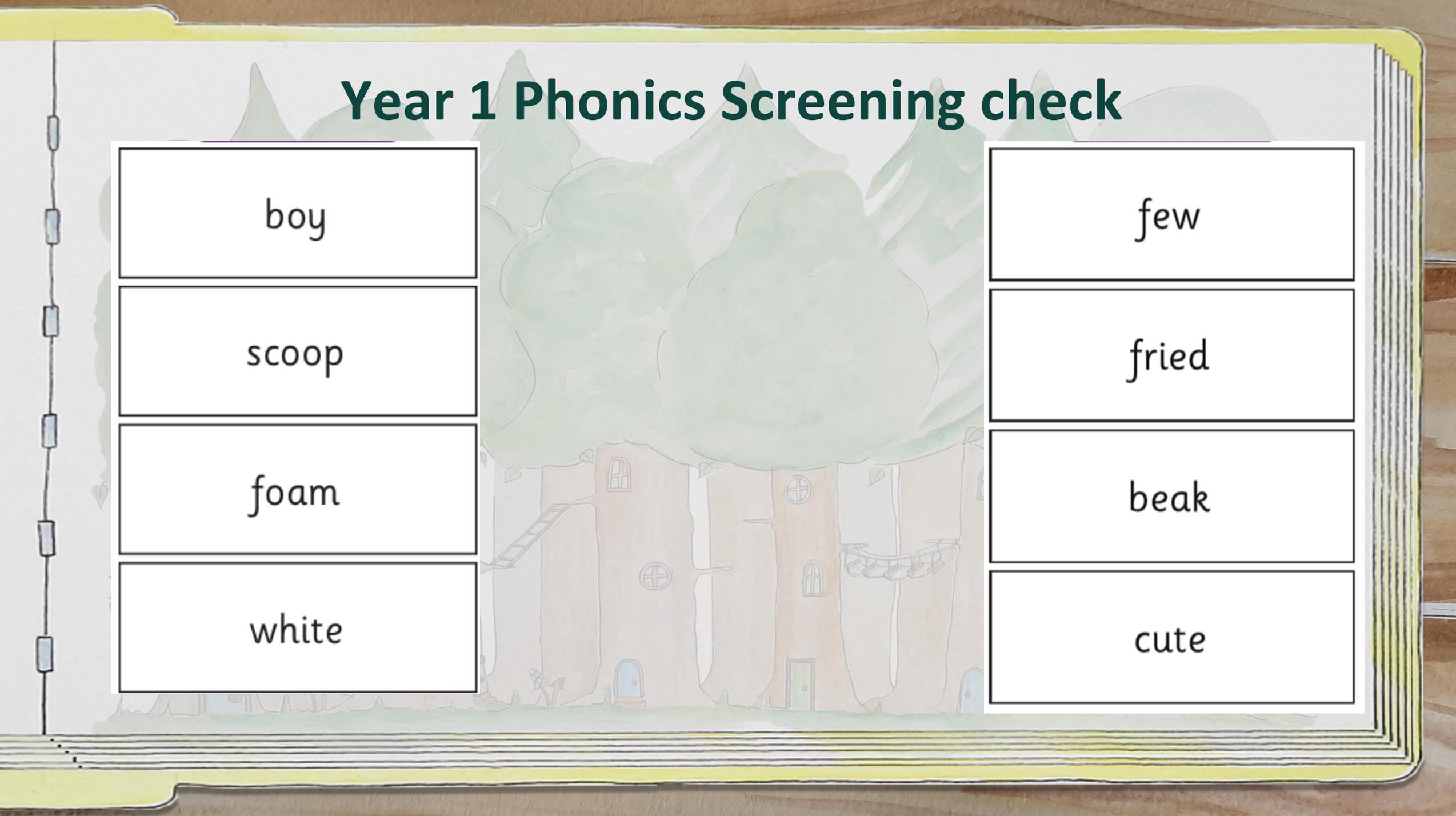
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# Year 1 Phonics Screening check

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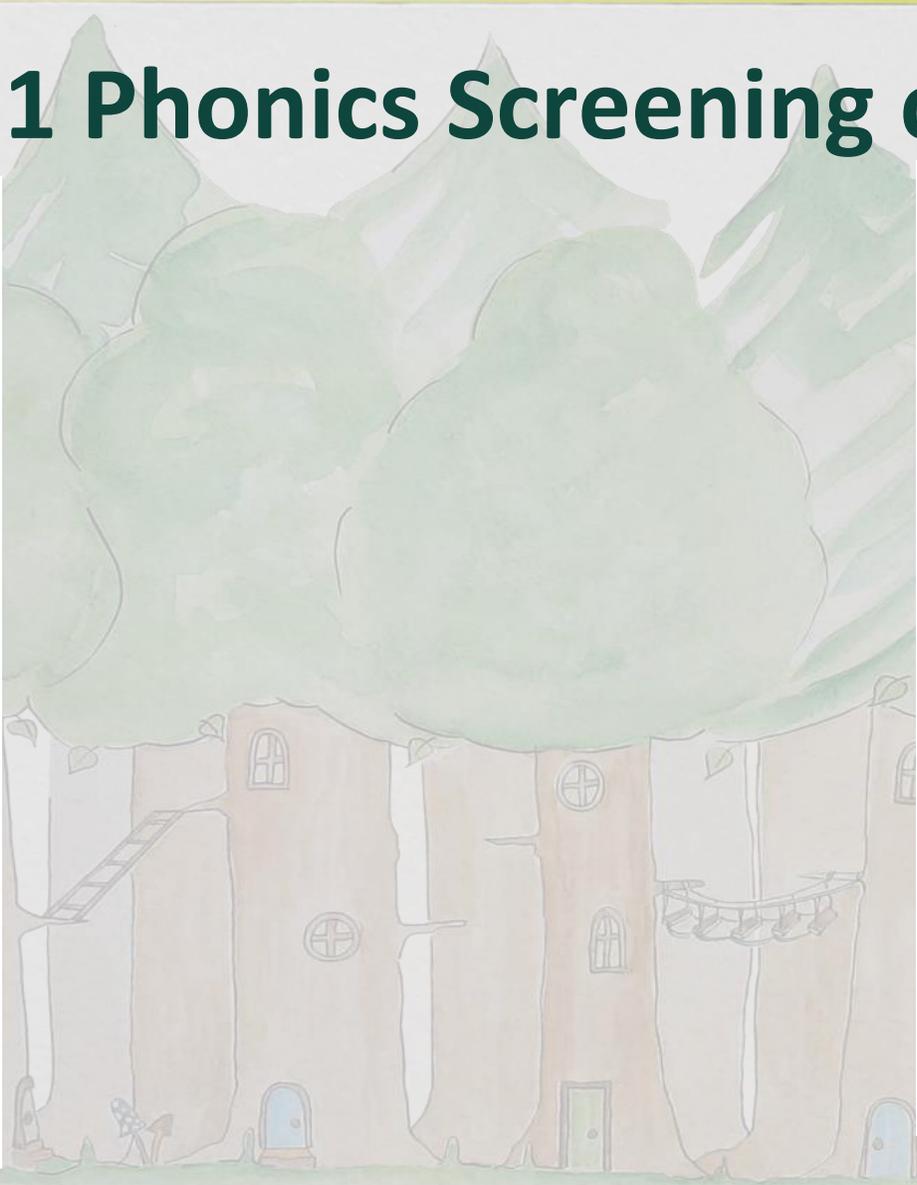
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# Year 1 Phonics Screening check



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# Results

The threshold is set by the government and we will inform you of how your child has done after this. The test is scored a pass or fail and for the last five years the threshold has been **32/40**. If your child doesn't meet the expected level this is an indication for us as a school to continue to support them and they will resit this in Year 2.



# Results at Hardy Mill

The national average across England is around **80%**.

Hardy Mill over the last three years has been:

2022- 95%

2023- 100%

2024- 98%



# What we are doing

- Daily Phonics sessions that last for 30 minutes.
- Reading 1:1 with your child including focusing on current Phonics learning.
- Daily Guided Reading sessions.
- Daily Phonics booster sessions (if needed).
- English reading lessons linked to our Phonics.



# How you can help

- Practise sounds with your child.
- Practise reading real and nonsense words.
- Read the reading books sent home.
- Complete any activities put onto Seesaw.
- Complete some additional practise online. – See Gov.uk website.

# Resources



[https://www.teachyourmonster.org/account/users/sign\\_in](https://www.teachyourmonster.org/account/users/sign_in)

2018 national curriculum assessments

**Key stage 1**

**Phonics screening check**  
Pupils' materials

Three small cartoon monsters in a row: a yellow one, a pink one, and a purple one.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2022-materials>



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

# Questions

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*dreaming*  
WITH EYES OPEN.

