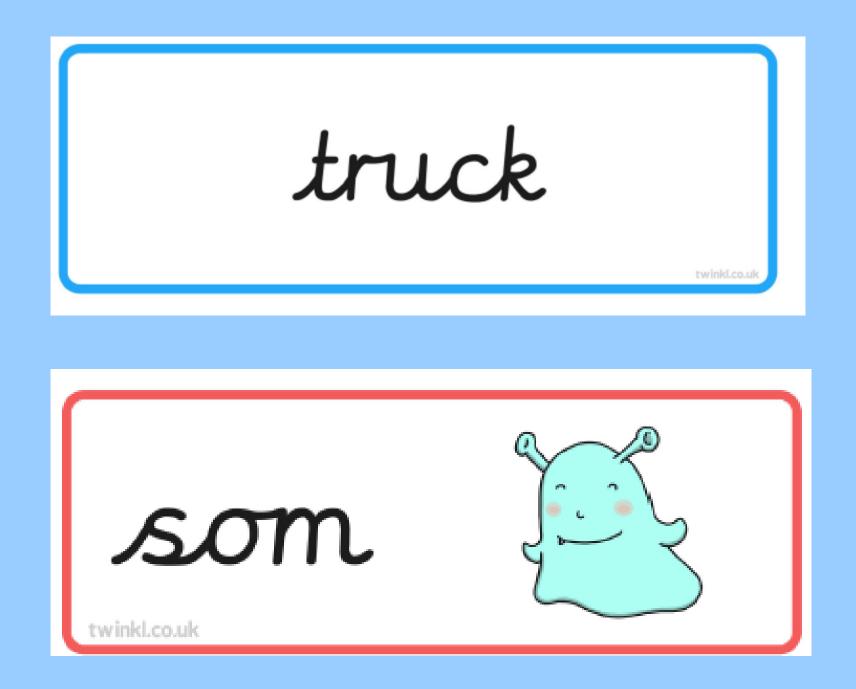
Phonics Screening Check Information

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- The test is a statutory reading check that all year
 I children take in June. It is designed to assess
 whether each child has reached the age
 appropriate standard by the end of year I.
 - The test will be completed on a 1:1 basis with their class teacher. It will usually take about 10 minutes, however there is no time limit and they can take as long as they need.

What does it consist of?

- The check contains 40 words. There are 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).
- Pseudo words are presented with a picture of an alien so children will know that this will not make sense to them.
- Pseudo words are used to ensure children are still able to decode unfamiliar words rather than just reading words from memory.
 - The difficulty of the words progresses through the 'test'.



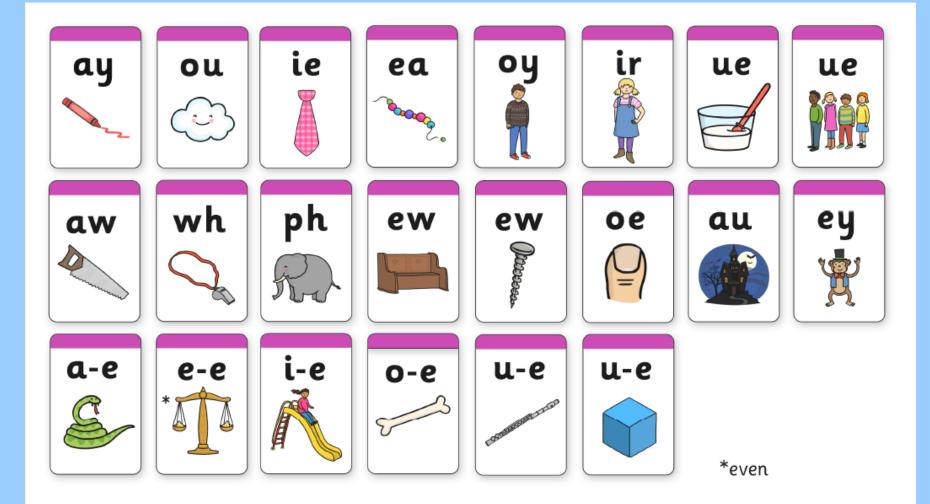
Expectations

- By the end of year I children are expected to be able to recognise grapheme-phoneme correspondences up to the end of phase 5.
- It is expected that all children complete the test.

Scores

- For the past few years the pass mark has been set at 32 out of 40 words correctly decoded.
- However, this can change as the Department for Education do not release the 'pass' mark until a few weeks after the children have completed the check.
 - If your child does not pass, we are then as a school required to provide extra support for them in phonics. They will also complete the check again when they are in year 2.





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