



Year 1

# Phonics Screening Check 2018

# What is the Phonics Screening?

- A statutory reading check that every Year 1 child in the country will complete during the week beginning 11th June.
- At Bapchild, the children will complete the check on either the morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- The purpose of the check is to confirm whether children have made the expected amount of progress in their ability to read words by sounding out and blending.

# How does the check work?

- The children will take the check one-to-one with me in a quiet room.
- They will be asked to read 40 words.
- Twenty of the words are real words and twenty are made-up or nonsense words, indicated by a picture of an alien.
- There is no time limit but it usually only takes a few minutes.

# Examples of words

day

snemp



slide

blurst



nwt

spron



phone

stroft



# Is it stressful?

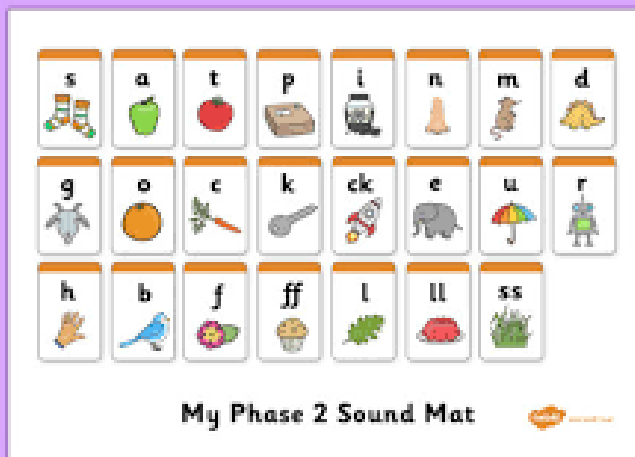
No!

The children regularly practice reading alien words  
as part of their normal daily phonics lessons.

It is a fun part of reading!

# How can you help?

- Revise the Phase 2, 3 & 5 graphemes at home with your child using the sound mats that you have been given.



*If your child knows all of these graphemes and can blend them in words, they will be able to read everything in the check.*

# How can you help?

- Keep reading with your child as much as you can, encouraging them to spot the digraphs in unfamiliar words to help them sound out and blend.
- Play the "Treasure or Trash" game that I am giving you.
- Use online games at [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) or [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) for further practise reading real and alien words.



# And the results...?

- The expected standard is likely to be 32 out of 40.
- You will be informed in Term 6 whether your child has met the national standard.
- Children's reading develops at different rates and if your child doesn't meet the national standard this year, further support will be given in Year 2 and they can take the check again next year.

*Any questions?*