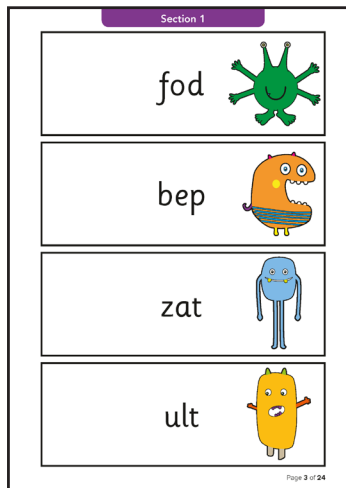


Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents

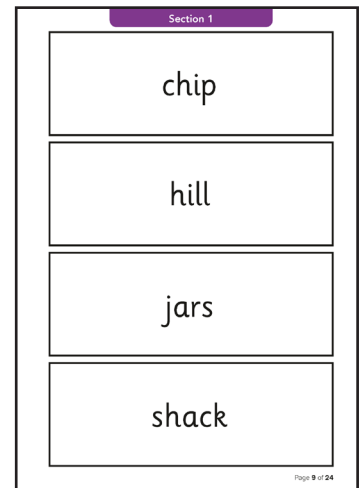


What is the phonics screening check?



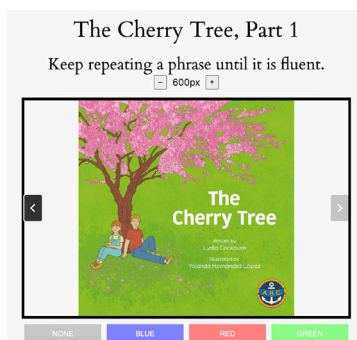
All Year 1 pupils will take the national Phonics Screening Check in June. This is a short assessment, carried out 1:1 to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in their phonics skills.

Each child will read 40 words: 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. It may seem odd to be reading nonsense words, but the reason is that they check that your child has developed the ability to decode letter patterns to sounds and to blend those sounds into a word.



What can I do to support my child?

Below is a selection of optional activities that you can do at home.



1. Use the Trainertext Library

If your school has subscribed to our premium digital resources, you can access all the books for your child in trainertext on our Online Resources Platform. Log in via our [allaboardlearning.com](https://resources.allaboardlearning.com) website.

Trainertext is text with pictophones above the letters to guide learners to the correct sound. Trainertext is based on 15 years of neuroscience research and will maximise your child's progress in reading.

You can find a video tutorial about the Trainertext Library in the **Parent Training Zone** here: <https://resources.allaboardlearning.com/training/parent-training-zone/>



2. Read All Aboard decodable books together

Guide your child towards working out the sounds in a word rather than trying to guess it.

If a phrase has tricky words in it, always ask your child to do a quick reread of the phrase before going on to the next one, so that they can read it fluently. They may not be keen, but this will double progress.



3. Do phonics revision on the go!

There are some small playing card sized flashcards that are great for revising the letters and sounds that students will come across in the Phonics Screening Check.

You can download them to print at home from the Online Resource

Platform or if you would prefer physical flashcards, they can be purchased here:
<https://allaboardlearning.myshopify.com/products/aap-gpc-mini-flashcards-phases-2-and-3>

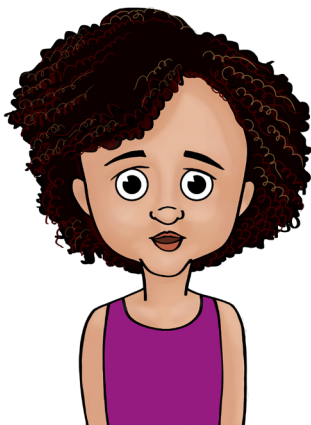


4. Do a quick eye check

To make sure your learner can read the Phonics Screening Check paper comfortably, see if they can read out the numbers below:

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If they struggle with the above text size, get started with the eye tracking exercise demonstrated in the **Parent Training Zone**.



"Dog...
/d/ /o/ /g/...
dog!"

5. Use the Segment-Reblend technique

If blending sounds together to say a word is tricky for your learner, then you can use a super simple technique to make it feel easier.

⚓ Ask your learner to pick a word e.g. dog

⚓ Encourage them to segment the word into the individual sounds e.g. /d/ /o/ /g/

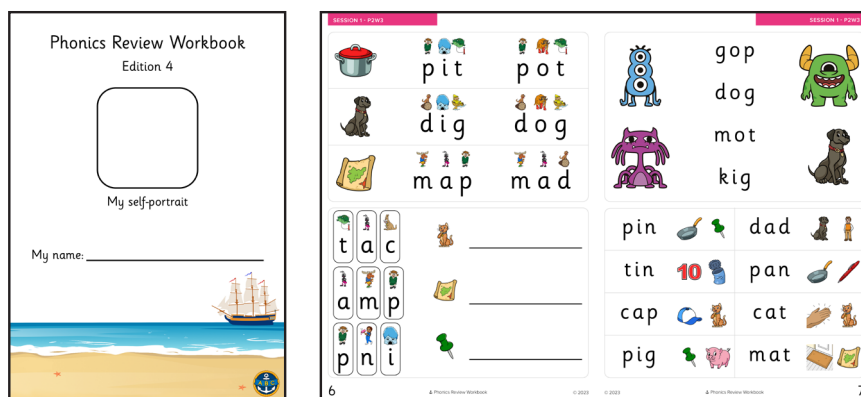
⚓ Then ask them to blend the phonemes back together to say the full word e.g. dog

Although they know what they are blending the sounds back into, we find this process builds confidence much more quickly than if they learn by trying to blend sounds blind, into an unknown word.

You can watch a video on the Segment-Reblend technique in the **Parent Training Zone**.

6. Read through words in the Phonics Review Workbook

The workbook is specifically designed to prepare learners for the Phonics Screening Check and is usually completed in school. An extra copy for home can be purchased here if desired:
<https://allaboardlearning.myshopify.com/products/phonics-review-workbook>



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