



St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Parents Meeting Phonics Screening 2024/25



Phonics Screening Check

June - Actual Phonics Screening Check

This year it will take place in the week commencing Monday 9th June 2025.

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By the end of Year 1, we want all of our children to be able to read accurately – to read both familiar and unfamiliar words - so that they can go on to become a fluent, enthusiastic reader.

The Phonics Screening Check in June, in Year 1 is a word reading test to check children can read sounds in words accurately.

Accurate word reading at 6 years old is a predictor of future success.

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What is the Phonics Screening Check?

A word-reading test at the end of Year 1.

Children read 40 words. Children complete the Phonics Screening Check at the end of Year 1 so that parents can be confident their children are being taught to read successfully.

Children read 40 words. It takes between two and five minutes. If they do not manage to read **32** of the words successfully, they are given extra support, and repeat the check at the end of Year 2.

It means that all children will be able to read accurately before they begin Year 3.

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Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c		se			
					ce					

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		j	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				g							
	ch				ge							
					dge							

Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				<u>a-e</u>	<u>e-e</u>	<u>i-e</u>	<u>o-e</u>
					ai	y	ie	oa
						ea	i	o
						e	y	

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
<u>u-e</u>			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

Children learn all of the sounds on this chart.

Once they know all of these sounds, they will be able to read any unfamiliar word.

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'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk'

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Nonsense words



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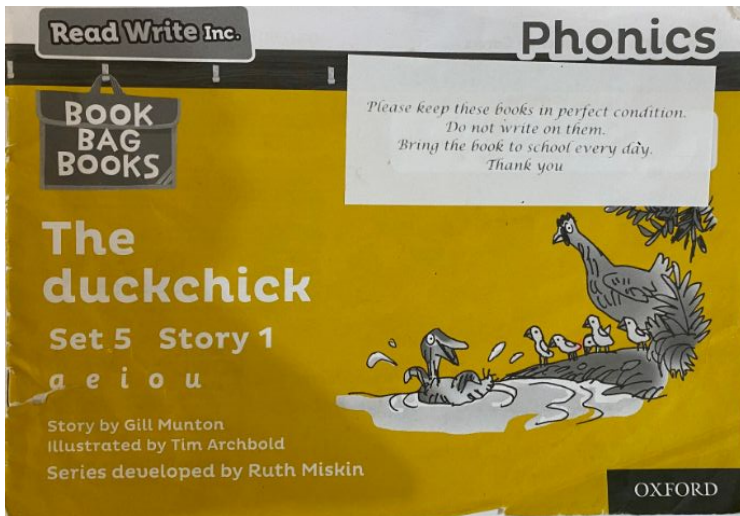
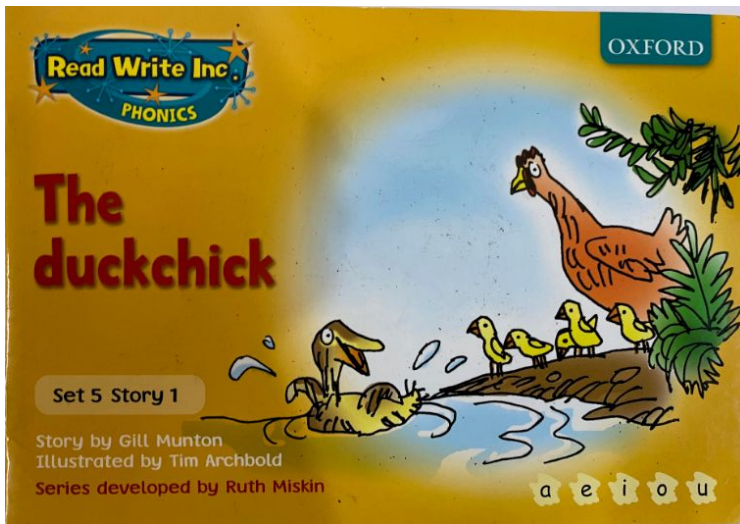
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Half of the words in the check are real words. Nonsense words are used to assess children's reading.

They check that children will be able to read sounds the sounds they know in unfamiliar words. They read these words using the same routine as real words – 'Special Friends, Fred Talk.'

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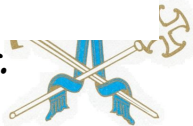
fire! fire!

3. fire, hire, wire, spire, bonfire, inspire,
conspire

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Support at Home

When we send these videos home, please watch these films with your child to help them to practise reading the sounds and words until they can read them speedily. The more they have a go, the quicker they'll get.

Please continue to go over all of the sounds in the videos on the QR codes that you were provided with.

Please identify the sounds with your child in their reading book. Can they recognise the sounds and read the word? Can they read the words speedily? Can they then read the word within a sentence? Now can they spell words with those sounds?

Thank you for coming, if you have any questions, please come and see us.

Link to previous tests:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-past-test-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>



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